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Comment of the day

WAIT AND SEE

As the present United States administration reaches its last weeks of office, it has come up with a proposal which would completely change the strategic arrangements of Nato nuclear forces.

The proposal is this: that America places five nuclear submarines, armed with Polaris atomic missiles at the disposal of Nato, but the proposal is conditional.

In the first place, the submarines would be strictly under American command, and would be assigned for duty with the American 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean, although marked down for duty in the Nato area should war threaten. They could also be withdrawn for duty elsewhere, should need demand.

Another condition is that the Alliance should buy about 100 medium-range seaborne missiles from America in the year 1964.

Needless to say, the proposal made by the outgoing Eisenhower administration has aroused but tepid interest in the other forces within the Nato Alliance for the following reasons.

France in particular, and Britain, have memories which take them back to the sweeping proposals of the Wilson administration, and of how they were left holding the can when the Harding administration turned down all the proposals Wilson had endorsed for the stabilisation of Western Europe.

It is then very evident that the European governments associated with Nato will wait to see what the Kennedy administration has to say.

It is evident also that military advisers of the European members of Nato would want to know exactly what the strategic policy is before purchasing medium-range weapons, for after all, you use weapons to suit your strategy, and not vice versa.

That at least was the British view, shared to varying degrees by other European members of Nato, but there was also a feeling in non-British circles that Britain was anxious to retain its own nuclear deterrent weapons. This probably arises out of such differences of opinion in international affairs.

The general feeling is this. That by and large, the Eisenhower administration has not shown up too well in international affairs, and before giving any acquiescence to their proposals, it is better to wait and see what the Kennedy administration proposes.

British Govt won't intervene—yet, says Lord Dundee

COLONY'S TEXTILE AGREEMENT

Question must be settled by industries

London, Dec. 20.

The Government today said it recognised Hongkong's needs but the voluntary quota restrictions on textile imports from the Colony have to be settled between the two industries.

The Government spokesman, Lord Dundee, answering questions in the House of Lords, said he did not think that intervention by the Government at this stage would be "appropriate."

Lord Dundee said the Government "fully recognised" the need to help and encourage Hongkong with its refugee problem.

He pointed out that the quota of Hongkong textile exports to the United Kingdom was made after negotiations on "an inter-industry basis between the Cotton Board and the Hongkong industry."

"Modification of the existing arrangements," he added, "is accordingly a matter which must be settled between the two industries."

He said both sides had an opportunity to present their views to the other when Lord Rochdale, Chairman of the Cotton Board visited Hongkong and "these views now were being considered by all concerned."

Allegation

The Minister vigorously denied an allegation by Lord Shackleton, an opposition Labour Party member, but not directly connected with the cotton industry, that the voluntary quotas agreement "was brought about under pressure from Her Majesty's Government in order to encourage Conservative victory at the last election."

"There is not the slightest foundation that it was arrived at under pressure from the Government. Still less that any electoral considerations were involved," Lord Dundee said.

"I had not heard of it until now, and I contradict it emphatically."

Lord Shackleton said his feeling on the matter is "extremely strong" and that "this was a matter which, by wise generosity at this stage, we should gain much in the future."

Lord Dundee said all considerations of that kind were in the minds of the Cotton Board and "those with whom they are negotiating."

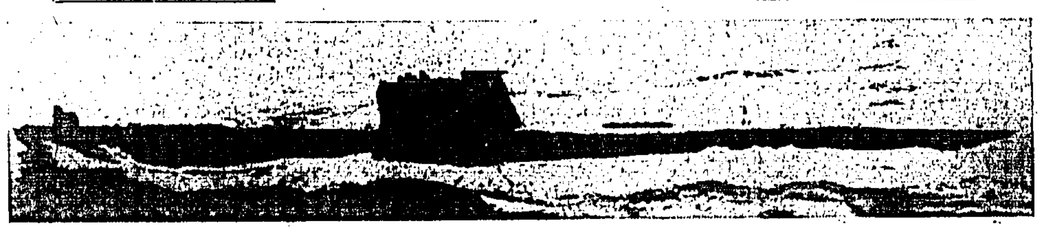
Earlier Lord Shackleton had asked if "it was not a fact that imports of grey cloth and finished cotton cloth from Hongkong have gone down, while from Spain they had increased about 20-fold," and that similar increases had taken place in imports from the United States and other countries.

Lord Dundee said there had been "variations" of imports of goods from Hongkong, and "the imports of made up goods had increased substantially in the last two years while the imports of piece cloths had declined."

Lord Shackleton then suggested that the Government look anew into the possible need of "considerable importations of grey and finished cloth."

Lord Dundee said he did not think there was any great shortage and that "in spite of the very great shortage of labour in Lancashire and the temporary disorganisation which was inevitable during the process of reorganisation, production had kept up and was expected to increase."—UPI.

RUSSIA'S NEW SUB MENACE



Russia, with a fleet of 450 submarines, is building 50 more, of seven different types. They include nuclear-powered, long-range attacking craft and nuclear-powered high-speed picket vessels.

The new Russian under-water menace is revealed by Mr Raymond V. B. Blackman, who edits the 1960-61 edition of Jane's Fighting Ships (Sampson Low, Marston and Co.)

Only now does Jane's lend its authority to the reports that the Soviet Union is going ahead fast with a nuclear-powered underwater fleet.

The very latest information in the book is: a nuclear-powered Soviet submarine is on trials; a new class of submarines is equipped with ballistic missile tubes; a new class of radio-location submarine is under construction; some submarines are reported to be armed with far-ranging surface rockets.

Mr Blackman gives the nuclear-powered Soviet strength as six completed—of yet to be completed.

A last-minute picture (above) is included of what is obviously a very large type of new-style Russian submarine, moving at speed, but there are no details to go with it.

Won't tighten belts

Brussels, Dec. 20.

Strikes in protest against a Belgian government plan for economic expansion through austerity crippled all major towns in Belgium today, affecting all public services, teachers and the port of Antwerp. — Reuter.

A U.S. DESTROYER MADE MOCK ATTACK ON SOVIET SHIP, SAYS TASS

Moscow, Dec. 20.

Russia today demanded "severe punishment" for those responsible for "mock attack by an American destroyer on a Soviet cargo vessel on November 4.

The demand was made in a note handed to the American Ambassador, the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

Meanwhile, in Washington, the State Department spokesman had no immediate comment today on the Soviet charge.

He said the Department had not yet received the note of protest which Tass stated had been lodged with the Embassy in Moscow.

The agency said that Destroyer No 817 made an hour-long "mock attack" on the 1,870-ton Soviet cargo ship, Faleshty.

The Soviet note said that the destroyers' actions cannot be assessed other than provocative, violated the principle of freedom of navigation on the high seas and flouted elementary standards of international law.

Russia expected the United States Government to take measures to prevent a repetition of such actions against Soviet merchant ships, the note said.

According to the note, the "mock attacks" occurred southeast of Toulon.

"For sometime the American destroyer was steering a parallel course then took a short cut to approach the Soviet ship," Tass said.

The destroyer made several turns around the Faleshty from about three or four miles "and then began approaching the Soviet ship."

"The captain of the motorship had to stop the engines to prevent collision" the agency said. —Reuter.

Holiday water hours

Water supply hours will be increased over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The Water Authority announced this morning that all districts will receive a continuous supply of water from 4 pm on Saturday, December 24, until 11 am on Tuesday, December 27.

A round-the-clock supply will also be available in all districts from 4 pm on Saturday, December 31 until 11 am on Monday, January 2, 1961.

RESCUED

Brest, Dec. 20.

The 43-man crew of the Soviet vessel Egorjevsk, abandoned in the Atlantic because of fire, were reported tonight to be aboard the British tanker Clyde Sergeant.

The abandoned Egorjevsk was reported still to be drifting with a heavy list, though no longer on fire. Two tugs were tonight heading for her, the German Atlantic from Vigo, and the French Jean Bart, which was on her way from the mouth of the English Channel.

Three of the rescued Soviet sailors were injured.—AFP.

Carrier deaths 48

U.S. NAVAL BUILDING PROGRAMME SERIOUSLY HIT

New York, Dec. 20.

Navy Secretary William Franke said today the $75 million fire that swept the aircraft super carrier Constellation may force the navy to eliminate others ships in its current building programme.

Mr Franke made a personal inspection of the damage caused by a roaring fire yesterday which claimed 48 lives and delayed completion of the 60,000-ton flattop at least nine months.

Three admirals were named by the navy to conduct an investigation of the blaze. Among the things they will try to determine is whether combustible wooden scaffolding which contributed to the fire was used for economy reasons.

Mr Franke, after his inspection, said the navy was faced with two alternatives-asking Congress for more money to repair the Constellation, or curtailing the building of other vessels.

Rear Adm. Schuyler Pyne, commander of the navy yard, told reporters the navy's decision to use wooden scaffolding was "made many years ago."

"It has always been used on navy ships," Adm Pyne said.

Another navy spokesman said it was comparable to "using leather for shoes."

Mr Franke said he was "firmly convinced that there was nothing suspicious about the fire."

The navy said it hoped to begin public hearings on the disaster tomorrow.

Nine months

Adm Pyne said 154 civilian workers at the navy yard were injured in the fire, which was extinguished early today. He said his figure did not include New York firemen who were injured or were felled by smoke.

The navy estimated in Washington it would take at least nine months' additional time to put the Constellation into the fleet. Originally, the carrier was to be commissioned next May.—UPI.

SNOW GRIPS MID-WEST

Chicago, Dec. 20.

A driving storm crippled Chicago with almost a foot of snow and promised a cold, white Christmas for much of the Middle West on the day before winter today.

The snow closed down two of the three airports serving the nation's second largest city. Operations at Midway Airport, the world's busiest, were buried under 11.3 inches of snow, and the lakefront Meigs Airport also closed. O'Hare Airport remained open.

The storm was blamed for at least five deaths, three in Illinois and two in Missouri. The Missouri victims were a man and wife whose car skidded into the path of a Greyhound bus. Three bus passengers suffered minor injuries.—UPI.

Broadcast to leaders of Algerian rebels

DE GAULLE PROPOSES PEACE TALKS

Paris, Dec. 20.

President Charles de Gaulle said tonight that he is ready "at any moment" to open peace talks with leaders of the Algerian rebellion.

In a nationwide radio and television address the French President said he was proposing peace and added;

"At any moment we are ready to receive the delegates of those who fight us."

General de Gaulle posed no conditions for the peace talks.

He said that as soon as the six-year-old Algerian rebellion ends, France is prepared to discuss with all Algerian political tendencies "and notably with the leaders of the rebellion" the conditions for self-determination by Algeria's ten million Moslem and European residents.

A previous effort to get peace talks going broke down in the preliminary stage last June. A rebel delegation which had come to Melun, France, for the opening talks complained that France was putting too many restrictions on peace negotiations.

General de Gaulle's speech was principally an appeal for "massive and forthright" approval, in a referendum early next month, of his plan for a large measure of internal autonomy for Algeria. At the same time, around 30 million voters in France and overseas will be asked to approve the principle of self-determination for Algeria.

Fewer killed

The referendum will be held on January 8 in France and January 6, 7 and 8 in Algeria.

The President has promised rebelling Algeria that it will be able to choose among independence, autonomy with close association with France, and full integration with France.

General de Gaulle, who toured Algeria from December 9-13, repeated his previous statements that "we can henceforth envisage the end of the (Algerian) drama."

He said the half million French and Moslem army has "re-established security in all parts of the country, to such a point that during the past eight days the insurrection killed fewer people than are killed in road and work accidents."

The right-wingers have argued that the Moslems could be integrated with Frenchmen and live peacefully, and accuse De Gaulle of missing a great chance by not pursuing this policy.

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EICHMANN WILL ADMIT FACTS

Haifa, Dec. 20.

Adolf Eichmann "will admit the facts but plead not guilty" at his Israeli trial, his German defence lawyer, Dr Robert Servatius, said today.

The lawyer today saw the jailed top Nazi for the first time since their initial meeting in October.

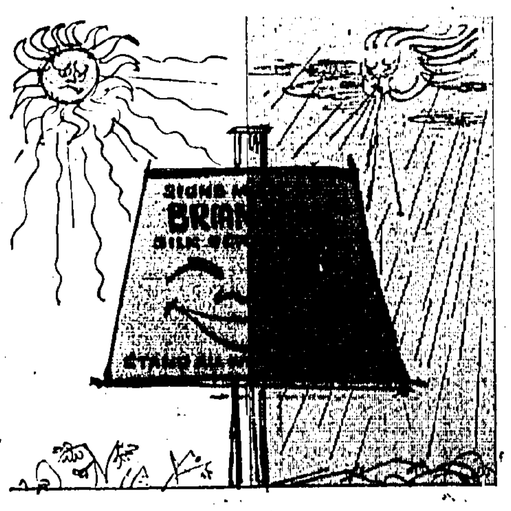
Dr Servatius told newsmen Eichmann claimed he had to carry out orders but now saw World War II events in a different light.

Dr Servatius quoted Eichmann as saying that excerpts from his memoirs published by Life magazine were distorted—but not by the magazine editors who, in Eichmann's opinion, obviously acted in good faith.

Eichmann blamed journalist Wilhelm Sassen, terming him a "dark person," the lawyer said.

Eichmann was in good health and not depressed and continued to cooperate with his police interrogators, Dr Servatius reported.

He said the new Eichmann memoirs, being written in jail, already cover 4,000 typewritten pages.—AP.



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Steadiness of U.S., British tin markets noted

London, Dec. 20.

The steadiness of both London and American tin markets has been remarkable against the broad background for the metal, the fall-off in U.S. consumption and the decline in Britain's tinplate production, metal merchants A. Strauss and Co., Ltd., said today.

The buoyancy of price levels was evidence that the statistical position of the metal is such that if no severe world depression develops, tin consumption in the coming year was likely to exceed production by a considerable tonnage, their market review said.

It added the autumn removal of export quotas has made little impact on supplies. The review noted that shipments from Malaya, the only country that appeared to have large stocks that could be freed for shipment, were little changed.

STRAITS TIN

The reported tonnage of Straits tin sold daily on the Singapore market had declined in the first half of December.

"It is difficult to account for this in view of the declared intention of many of the Malayan mining companies, as expressed by chairmen at annual meetings, to take advantage of their newly acquired right to sell the excess stocks they had acquired during restrictions.

"Some of these companies are known to have started doing so. Possibly shipments and sales of Straits tin will become heavier in the early months of next year. All that can be said at present is that, contrary to expectations, the lifting of export restrictions has so far had no significant effect on supplies," the company said.—UPI.

Textile market

New York, Dec. 20.

The cotton textile market was quiet today.

Converter inquiry on goods for delivery during the first half of next year weakened following a flurry of forward selling by a few mills last week. In addition, mills appeared to be resisting further sales at the price concessions of last week. Business today involved mainly scattered spot sales of various fabrics at about unchanged prices.

Demand for wool goods remained slow. Advices reported prices were unchanged at the South African wool sales.

The market for synthetic fabrics was dull.—AP.

NEW YORK SUGAR MARKET

New York, Dec. 20.

World No. 4 sugar today Closed 2 to 3 points higher on sales of 118 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 futures finished unchanged with no sales reported.

News that Cuba will sell 4 million tons of its 1961 crop to Communist bloc nations at a price of four cents a pound, prompted the largest amount of activity the contract has seen for over a month with prices firming.

Buying was tempered, however, by the consideration that Cuba will probably have nearly two million tons to be sold on the free world market where large supplies are already in prospect for next year.—UPI.

Wall Street again irregular

New York, Dec. 20.

The stock market once again followed an irregular path today. Aluminium made some gains. Once more the market statistics were slightly on the low side.

Key stocks throughout the list advanced or declined from fractions to about $1.

The list continued confused by end-of-the-year transactions. From start to finish there was no trend although toward the close there was a pickup in trading, accompanied by a late ticker tape, as some stocks improved. It was too late to change the overall picture.

Coppers, rails and electrical equipments were lower. The picture was mixed for steels, autos, aircrafts, electronics and oils. Utilities gained on balance.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks dropped .30 to 218.80 with the industrials down .40, rails off .70 and utilities up 2.0 to a new high for the year.

Of 1,258 issues traded, 469 advanced and 520 declined. There were 45 new highs for the year and 15 new lows.

Volume for the day was 3.34 million shares compared with 3.63 million on Monday.

Olin Mathieson was active and up 1¾ and International Telephone rose 1⅝. North American Aviation gained 1¾, apparently in response to an article in a National Magazine about its part in the programme for the B-70 supersonic bomber.

Lockheed, which in a published report, was said to have received a contract from Germany for jet fighter planes, was up ⅝, trimming an earlier rise. Texas Instruments rose a point, United Air Lines ¼, Merck 1½ and Union Carbide 1½.

Procter & Gamble fell 3½, Addressograph 2½ Universal Match 1¼, Ford 1½ and Baltimore & Ohio 2.

Transitron was down 1 after calling off a preliminary merger agreement with Thermo King Corporation.

After the close the New York stock exchange announced that the short interest had risen 271,980 shares to 4,407,850 shares, the highest since December 15, 1958 when the figure was 5,073,356. The short interest refers to the amount of stock borrowed to effect sales made in the hope of a decline in price which would mean profits when the borrowed stock is repaid with stock bought cheaper in the future. This represents a future buying supply and therefore is a market support.—AP.

Closing prices

Abitibi Pwr. & Paper	$ 38½
Alden Inc. Acy.	51¾
Algoma Steel Corp.	32
American Airline	21½
Am. & Forgn. Power	8⅛
Am. Natural Gas	60⅛
Asbestos Corp.	25¼
Atlas Cons. Mining	5⅞
Bank of Montreal	59⅛
Bank of Nova Scotia	66⅜
Beech Life Savers	49
B. C. Tel. Co.	45⅞
Bell Telephone	47½
British Am. Oil	28⅛
British Columbia Elec.	52¾
Cana. Bk. of Comm.	57⅝
Cana. Brewery	44⅜
Corning Glass Works	179¾
Consolidated Paper	41
Consumers Gas	15½
Creole Pet	29⅞
Distillers-Seagrams	33
Dominion Stores	65½
Eastern Air Line	24
Ferro Corp.	44½
Ford Motor Co. of Cana.	142
Ford Motor	65½
Georgia Pacific	53⅞
Gen. Tel. & Elec.	26⅝
Great Northern Railway	45½
Gulf Oil	31¼
Heyden Newport Corp.	23⅝
Hiram Walker	40⅛
Hussman Refrig.	19¼
Imperial Oil	38½
Imperial Tobacco	13⅞
Lily Tulip	52
Lorillard P.	37¼
Noranda Mines Ltd.	40
Olin Mathieson	43
Pitney Bowes	37¾
Portland Gen. Elec.	30⅝
Pullman	32⅝
Raytheon	35⅞
Royal Bank of Canada	71½
Schenley Inc.	22
Southern Pacific Co.	19¾
Steep Rock	6¾

—UPI.

Cotton market

New York, Dec. 20.

Cotton futures backed and filled through a dull session today, easing near closing time on increased volume.

At the finish the list ruled three to 10 points lower after opening this morning unchanged to 10 points lower.

New Orleans futures closed unchanged to seven points lower.

The Census Bureau reported ginnings through December 12 of 13,339,873 running bales, covered with 14,094,030 bales through the same date in 1958 and 10,918,827 in the comparable 1958 period.—UPI.

World wheat trade may set record

London, Dec. 19.

World trade in wheat in 1960-61 may set a record at 37 million tons under heavy commercial demand for imports and the 1960 crop, at an estimated 221 million tons, was expected to be the second largest recorded, the International Wheat Council said today.

In its annual review the Council said output was likely to be six million tons higher than the preceding year with North American production scoring the biggest rise. European production was lower than the preceding year's record level and the crop below average in quality.

Stocks carried forward into 1960-61 by the four major exporting nations — Argentina, Australia, Canada and the United States—were put at 52.9 million tons and surplus availabilities moved higher. The figures excluded Communist China.

IMPORT DEMAND

Because many importing countries produced average or below average crops, demands for imports were expected to be higher and an increased import demand of about 2.5 million tons by those western European countries which normally are net exporters was foreseen.

It was estimated that the intake in less developed areas may rise and shipments under the government-assisted programmes of the United States, Canada and Australia may reach 10.5 million tons.

On stocks, the council said although both world trade and total world usage of wheat and wheat flour were likely to set new records, stocks at the end of 1960-61 may move as high as 60 million tons.—UPI.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

by Our Own Correspondent

Business done at the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately $2,620,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HK Bank ..	1445	1455	2 @ 1480
			100 @ 1455
			70 @ 1450
			30 @ 1450
			30 @ 1450
Lombard ..		42	
Wharf	264	270	
Waterboat .	28.30		
Wheelock .	9.55	9.65	5000 @ 9.70
			1000 @ 9.65
			4135 @ 9.60
			1000 @ 9.60
			5000 @ 9.60
			5000 @ 9.60
Dock	114	115	100 @ 116
			200 @ 115
			200 @ 116
			800 @ 115
Provident ..	23.80	23.90	500 @ 24.10
			500 @ 24
			1000 @ 23.90
			500 @ 23.80
HK Hotel ..	41½	42	1000 @ 42
			200 @ 42
HK Land ..	75	75½	2000 @ 75½
			200 @ 75½
			800 @ 75
			1000 @ 75
			300 @ 75½
			1225 @ 75
Yaumati ..	117	119	400 @ 119
			120 @ 118
" Bonus			50 @ 111
HK Tram	33¾	34	1000 @ 33¾
			100 @ 33¾
			300 @ 33¾
			350 @ 33¾
			550 @ 34
Ch. Light Ex. Div.	20.60	20.80	2000 @ 20.80
			1000 @ 20.70
			600 @ 20.70
			1000 @ 20.70
HK Elec ..	29.60	29.80	400 @ 29.80
			1000 @ 29.70
			2500 @ 29.70
			230 @ 29.60
HK Tele. .	38¼	38½	500 @ 38½
			900 @ 38½
" (New)	36		1000 @ 36¾
G.I. Cement	63½	64	1200 @ 64½
			500 @ 64½
			2200 @ 64
			250 @ 64
Dairy Farm	32¾	33¼	100 @ 33¼
			132 @ 33
			500 @ 33
Watson	37		140 @ 38
Allied Inv.	8	8.10	1000 @ 8.05
Textile	8.20	8.30	4000 @ 8.45
			1000 @ 8.40
			1000 @ 8.35
			2000 @ 8.35
			6000 @ 8.30
			7000 @ 8¼
			2000 @ 8¼
Nanyang XD	14.30	14½	1500 @ 14.60
			1500 @ 14.40
			500 @ 14.40
A. Rubber .	5.60	5.65	1000 @ 5.65
R. Trust ..	7.05	7.30	2000 @ 7.10
Realty	1.025	1.05	20000 @ 1.05
			5000 @ 1.05
			1000 @ 1.05
HK Gas ..	16.10	16.20	2000 @ 16.20
			100 @ 16.20
			1000 @ 16.10
Metal Indust.	1.45	1.55	100 @ 1½
Int'l Invest.	10.80	11	2000 @ 11
Gilman	2.475	2.55	6000 @ 2½
			2000 @ 2½
Asia Nav. .	1.10		500 @ 1.20
Cald. Macg. (Ord.) ...	60	61½	500 @ 60
			139 @ 60
Humphreys	25.30	25.70	1000 @ 25.30
Taikoo Dock	72	72½	250 @ 72
			250 @ 72½

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Belgian Francs Maximum Selling 863.

LONDON STOCKS GAIN

London, Dec. 20.

Stocks closed irregularly higher today on a modest volume of business.

Shipping shares lost their bouyancy but engineering, electrical and textile and store issues improved. Ford eased.

Gold stocks firmed on small business. Coppers ended dull.

Undated government bonds shaded but some long-dated issues were higher. Dollar stocks suffered small losses.

Leading oils drifted lower. Rubber stocks inclined easier.—UPI.

Cash dividends set record

New York, Dec. 20.

While United States corporate earnings in 1960 have been running well below the bright expectations of a year ago, cash dividend payments are setting a new all-time record, some American financial quarters note.

These sources estimate that the 1960 payments total will be near $14,000 million or $600 million above the previous peak in 1959.

Canadian corporations are expected to make dividend declarations and payments on common stocks totalling more than $800 million this year, the Committee of Canadian Investment Companies estimated. This total will top the 1959 amount by at least six per cent and exceed that of 1950 by about 71 per cent, C.C.I.C. said. Despite recent fluctuations in the rate of Canada's economic growth, annual Canadian common stock dividends have increased 45 per cent since 1954, it pointed out.—China Mail Special.

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Yesterday's Closing COMMODITY PRICES

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NEW YORK

Closing rates:

Canada	1.02-1/32
England official	2.8000
" 30 days	2.8015
" 90 days	2.8015
Australia	2.2403
New Zealand	2.7[illegible]
South Africa	2.8150

Others unchanged.

LONDON

Closing rates:

New York	2.80¾-2.80⅞
Montreal	2.75-3/16-2.75-5/16
Amsterdam	10.66⅝-10.66⅞
Brussels	139.50-139.70
Copenhagen	19.33½-19.33¾
Frankfurt	11.70¾-11.71
Lisbon	80.20-80.30
Oslo	20.01-20.01¼
Paris	13.78-13.78¼
Stockholm	13.50-13.50¼
Milan	1741¼-1742¼
Vienna	72.97-73.00
Zurich	12.08¼-12.08½

—UPI.

COTTON

NEW YORK

Closing prices all in cents per lb.:

Spot: 32.25; Mar: 32.33; May: 32.79; July: 33.[illegible] Oct: 33.02; Dec: 33.36; Mar: 33.75; May: 33.97; July: 33.85—UPI.

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FLOODS KILL 28 IN JAVA

Semarang, Java, Dec. 20.

Disastrous floods have hit central Java, killing 28 people, injuring at least 39, and sweeping away houses and drainage works.

The floods were caused by days of heavy rain in mountain watersheds. Landslides wiped out hillside villages, and the Laban, Tulungagung and other rivers burst their banks in the coastal reaches.

In the Limbasari district floods and landslides have killed seven people and injured 13, eighteen homes have been swept away, three dams destroyed, a number of cattle drowned, and acres of farmland inundated.

SWEPT AWAY

In the Bobotsar sub-district five people have been killed, three injured, and 32 houses destroyed.

In the Karanganjar sub-district 10 people were killed, 23 injured, and 48 houses swept away or destroyed.

The waters took a heavy toll of livestock in both districts, and swept out rice paddies.

The central government is sending relief supplies into the stricken districts.—Reuter.

DE GAULLE'S PEACE PROPOSAL

(Continued from Page 1)

General De Gaulle hinted tonight he thought this was a vain hope when he said "some may regret that....fears and prejudices in the past prevented the straightforward assimilation of Moslems—if this were indeed possible."

He did not, however, exclude the possibility of Europeans and Algerians living together side by side.

"Whatever abuses, clashes and excitation there may have been," he said, "it is....pure common sense that the Moslem communities and the French community should live together, work together and co-operate together under the same government institutions. Each, however, would have particular guarantees concerning its rights, its way of life and its security."

In appealing for a "yes" vote in the coming referendum, General de Gaulle said with emotion in his voice that twice before he had turned to the nation for endorsement in times of crisis—once at the close of the war and again in mid-1958, when he returned to power.

Free future

"Now for the third time," he said, "I turn directly toward the nation....Frenchwomen, Frenchmen, the massive and forthright 'yes' that General de Gaulle, President of the Republic asks you for, will be the decision of France. It will give Algeria the chance of a free future. It will prove to the world that the French nation is today, as much as ever, united, lucid and generous. To me, whose task is heavy, what a support it will be."

There was no immediate reaction from rebel leaders as to de Gaulle's plea for peace and his statement that he will receive rebel representatives. —AP.

Replacement for Kennedy

Boston, Dec. 20.

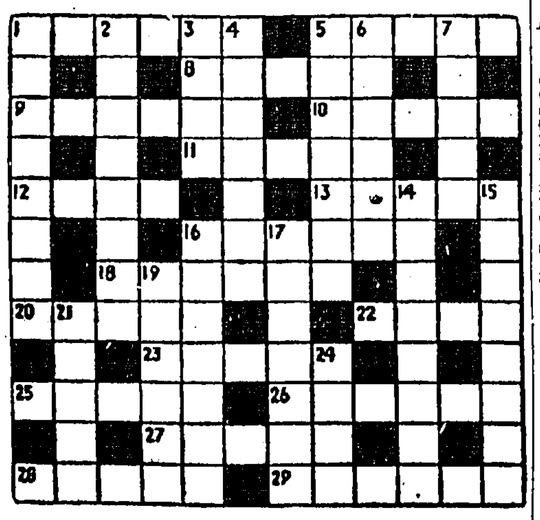
Governor Foster Furcolo announced tonight he will appoint Benjamin H. Smith II, former mayor of Gloucester and a manufacturer, to the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by President-elect John F. Kennedy.

Smith, 43, was a classmate of Kennedy's at Harvard and served as a lieutenant in the Navy during the World War II in the Pacific. He and Kennedy served as ushers at each others weddings.

Furcolo called a news conference to make the announcement and said he was naming Smith in the interest of "promoting unity in the Democratic party."

The Governor said Smith was suggested as Kennedy's replacement by the President-elect himself and would serve only two years until a special election in 1962.—UPI.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Affectionate ardour? (6).
5 Characteristic of American speech (5).
8 Playboy? (5).
9 Growin' fruit! (6).
10 Like Dickens' house? (5).
11 Blossom part (5).
12 What spoils the lute? (4).
13 Be a nuisance (5).
15 Not books but they are read (6).
18 Newspaper editorial (6).
20 Some are said to grind slowly (5).
22 This tenant is an officer (4).
23 Packs into crates (5).
25 It may claw you (5).
26 Supporting timber (6).
27 Create havoc? (5).
28 Really topical (5).
29 Essential (6).

DOWN

1 Naval mess (8).
2 Manchester speciality? (8).
3 Bring down foully (4).
4 Such words are sweet to the ear (7).
5 Member of a discussion group? (7).
6 Type of skate (6).
7 Becomes frayed? (5).
14 Was beneficial (8).
15 Popped the question? (8).
16 Stonework (7).
17 Capital of Persia (7).
19 Does some nudging (6).
21 Dead spit? (5).
24 Japanese drink (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Stew, 7 Spare, 8 Road, 9 Ride, 10 Parsnip, 12 Name, 15 Sober, 18 Hems, 19 Odour, 21 Tiara, 22 Aden, 23 Denim, 26 Prep, 28 Bone-dry, 30 Lion, 31 Solo, 32 River, 33 Days. Down: 1 Spear, 2 Dresser, 4 Tripe, 6 Wren, 6 Calm, 9 Ribs, 11 Nomad, 13 A-von, 14 Earl, 16 Rodin, 17 Stop, 18 Hare, 20 Demerit 22 Anon, 24 Ebony, 25 Creel, 27 Rood, 28 Plod.

Liberia, Ireland share Security Council seat

United Nations, Dec. 20.

Liberia and Ireland tonight agreed to share a two-year term on the Security Council, thereby breaking a deadlock which had developed in elections to fill a final vacancy on this powerful 11-member body.

After hurried backstage talks while the Assembly recessed, a compromise was reached under which Liberia would serve on the council during 1961, and that she would relinquish her seat to Ireland for 1962.

In addition to resolving the deadlock, this arrangement also set a precedent allotting an African nation a council seat that had hitherto traditionally belonged to Western Europe.

Under a similar agreement last year, Poland and Turkey shared a two-year term on the Council.

The deadlock developed some weeks ago when Portugal — the nominee of the West European states — competed through a series of inconclusive secret ballots for representation on the council.

Portugal's chief delegate, Dr Vasco Vieira Garin announced before balloting today that his delegation was withdrawing its candidacy. He said that Portugal could not agree to any arrangement whereby the traditionally West European seat was divided between two rival candidates.

Auschwitz commandant captured

Frankfurt, Dec. 20.

Former SS Major Richard Baer, last commandant of the infamous Auschwitz concentration camp, has been arrested in West Germany, Frankfurt prosecutor Heinz Wolf disclosed tonight.

Baer, 49, was arrested within a week after the announcement of a 10,000-mark reward for his capture.

Wolf did not disclose the whereabouts of Baer, who disappeared from Auschwitz which was abandoned by the Nazis at the end of World War II.—UPI.

Liner inquest postponed

Southend-on-sea, Dec. 20.

An inquest on seven victims of an explosion in the liner Capetown Castle, which was adjourned until today, has been indefinitely postponed at least until the New Year, it was announced today.

A police spokesman at Rochford near here said the Ministry of Transport had not yet completed its inquiries.

The explosion in the engine room of the Captown Castle (27,002 tons) occurred on October 17 off Las Palmas.—China Mail Special.

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INDONESIAN FAIR SHIP IN TROUBLE

Djakarta, Dec. 20.

All is not going well with the Indonesian floating fair vessel Tampomas.

The ship, equipped with an exquisite collection of Indonesian handicrafts and other colourful attractions for selling tourism abroad, had engine trouble on Sunday night and returned to Djakarta's Tandjung Priok harbour, a Djakarta newspaper reported today.

The ship left on Sunday afternoon for a 75-day exhibition Pacific tour to Honolulu, Tokyo, Osaka, Hongkong, Manila and Singapore.

The 7,000-ton vessel had hardly passed nearby Seribu on Sunday night when its main engine suddenly stopped. Efforts to repair the engine failed.

On Monday night the ship's captain cabled back for permission to return to Djakarta.

The newspaper said it was not yet known how long repairs would take but said indications are that it will take some time. —AP.

Robert Menzies

AUSTRALIAN PREMIER 66

Canberra, Dec. 20.

The Prime Minister, Mr Robert Menzies is 66 today.

Tonight he will be the guest of honour at a private dinner in Sydney for his birthday.

Mr Menzies has now been Prime Minister of Australia for a total period of 13 years and 125 days.

He took the record from the late Mr W. M. Hughes back in 1954 when he passed Mr Hughes' record of seven years and 105 days as Prime Minister.

Mr Menzies' friends say that there is no sign of him having decided to retire from politics. —China Mail Special.

Laboratory gutted

Sydney, Dec. 20.

Fire gutted two-thirds of a research laboratory used by Australia's Snowy Mountain Hydro-Electric Authority at Cooma, 290 miles from here early today causing damage unofficially estimated at £A250,000.

The laboratory is used for testing concrete, steel, soil and other materials.

Firemen had to hack through a protective fence to get to the building, as wind gusts threatened to carry the flames to adjacent buildings.—China Mail Special.

OBJECTION TO PLANE CRASH STATEMENT

Chicago, Dec. 20.

The President of United Airlines, one of whose DC-8 jetliners was in collision with another airliner over New York last Friday with heavy loss of life, objected today to statements made about the accident yesterday by a Federal official.

The president, Mr W. A. Patterson, said in a statement: "Yesterday the administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency (Mr Elwood Quesada) made certain statements to the Press, which regardless of his intent leave the impression this morning that this flight was carelessly operated and that there was a disregard of instructions from the FAA.

"We cannot permit such an impression to exist," Mr Patterson said.

DEPARTING

He said he was departing from the usual company policy of making no statement until all the facts were known. He said he would not elaborate on his statement.

Mr Quesada said yesterday that the DC-8 had failed to circle in a "holding area" and await instructions to land at Idlewild Airport.

Mr Quesada also told reporters that officials were not prepared at that time to express opinion or conclusions or to assign responsibility for the disaster in any way.

Meanwhile a theory was advanced today that the collision occured when the pilot of the DC-8 swerved at the last minute to avoid hitting a Constellation but missed and cut the other plane in two.

POSSIBILITY

Experts investigating the crash were studying the possibility that the DC-8 pilot turned on his left wing towards the ground to avoid collision in the blinding snowstorm raging over the city. But the tip of his right wing struck the Constellation's belly and cut it in two.—Reuter & AFP.

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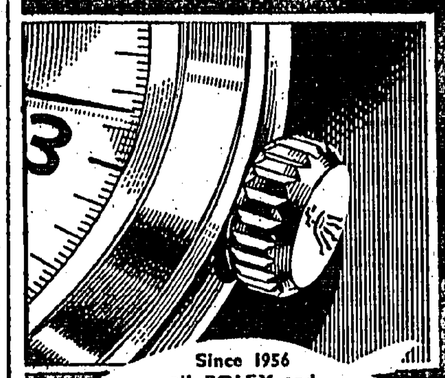

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Hong Kong, 21st Dec., 1960.

AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER by EMH

AUSTRALIA WILL BE FIRST TO HEAR QUEEN'S MESSAGE

Sydney (By Air Mail)

Australia and New Zealand will be the first to hear the Queen's Christmas Day broadcast this year, for the radio and television message will be broadcast after noon Commonwealth local time. This means that eastern Australia may hear the message 10 hours before Britain.

Actually the Queen will record the message from Buckingham Palace before leaving for Sandringham, and the tele-recording will be heard at different times in the Commonwealth countries.

In previous years the broadcast was live at 3 pm in Britain, and in the early hours of the morning on Boxing Day in Australia, but last year the message was recorded for the first time, and a similar procedure will follow this year.

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The little township of Dulacca, 227 miles north west of Brisbane recently was pounded by a raging 100 mph tornado which cut through the town causing damage at £40,000, and in less than two minutes only four of the town's 60 buildings were undamaged.

The tornado was accompanied by fierce hail and blinding dust and the broken telephone lines isolated the town for almost 12 hours. About 60 points of rain fell in ten minutes. Many people escaped injury only by seconds, and in one case a whole house was lifted off its stump foundations and moved three feet.

Sydney is having its coldest summer for almost 100 years, temperatures since summer officially started in December are the lowest since 1866, and rain, thunder storms, and cold winds have taken the place of the usual hot weather which greets the Christmas shopper.

★ ★ ★

A "Flying Board Room" has been on exhibition at Kingsford Smith Airport, designed from a 240 mph twin engined Beechcroft Queen Airplane.

The plane was flown to Sydney from Kansas, U.S., by a retired U.S. Navy pilot, who took 150 flying hours to reach Sydney on a 26,000 mile journey through Iceland, Europe, the Middle East and New Guinea.

The plane which will cost £70,000 is a seven seater for business executives, and has space for a dictation machine, filing cabinet, secretary's typewriter, radio telephone, work table, refreshment bar and luggage rack. It is air conditioned, carries its own stairway, and can fly 1,200 miles without refuelling. The plane will be on sale in Australia next year. The pilot, Rear Admiral Binning said he could have sold the plane many times during his flight. Among the would-be purchaser were four Australian business firms who wanted it for use in Australia, New Guinea and the Pacific Islands.

★ ★ ★

The Italian Davis Cup Team made headlines this week when they won the right to play Australia in the Davis Cup Challenge Round at the White City on December 26, 27, and 28.

The Italians scored the victory by defeating America's single players in the first two matches and this has only happened once before—by Australia in 1939. It is interesting to note that this is the first time in 37 years of trying that Italy has reached the challenge round and it is the first time since 1936 that America has not reached the challenge round. It is also the first time for 22 years that America and Australia have not met in the challenge round.

There have been 16 challenge rounds since 1938 of which Australia has won nine. There was great excitement after the match when the Italian captain Vanni Canepele with other team members raced on to the court, and joined by other excited Italians, they lifted Sirola shoulder high and carried him around the courts to the crowd's ovation.

In Sydney, former Davis Cup player Adrian Quist said "This magnificent Italian victory will give tennis in Europe the shot in the arm it has needed for many years." Italy now becomes the seventh country to reach the challenge round, the others being Australia, American, France, Britain, Belgium and Japan. The Italian community in Sydney is planning a big welcome for the team's arrival here.

★ ★ ★

John Kemp, 11-year-old schoolboy from Bismarck, North Dakota, arrived in Sydney this week with his father and two sisters as the guest of Australian Consolidated Press Ltd. publishers of the Daily and Sunday Telegraph and the Australian Women's Weekly.

The visit was arranged by Dr Wearn, Sydney dentist who is Vice-President of the Australian Advisory Council for the Physically Handicapped, for John was born with arms that ended above the elbow, the left leg ended just above the knee, and the right leg ended just below the knee.

He walks on artificial legs and uses steel hooks for hands, is an above-average student and plays baseball, football and swims.

He is on a goodwill visit to Australia's crippled children, but his first appointment will be with a 10-year-old boy of Grafton NSW, who is a patient at the Far West Children's Home at Manley. Ken was also born without limbs, and recently returned from the U.S. where he was fitted with artificial limbs at the Dr Kessler Clinic.

John has brought a large bag of marbles with him and hopes to teach Ken how to play marbles, and at the end of the month he will be guest of honour at the Australian Scouts Jamboree in Sydney.

TARGET

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C	A	T	E					

How many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making the words, each of the letters may be used once only. Each word *must* contain the large letter, and there *must* be at least one 10-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 13 words, *good*: 19 words, *very good*: 25 words, *excellent*. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Arcost altch calico cash cast catch catholic chaos chaotic clat chit clot clash clat class classic clastic clot cloth coach coal coast coat coati coil colic colt cost costal itch tactic tale latch lich loach lochia ochlist ochlocratic schalliat scot scotch social stole stoical talc.

London Express Service.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength and glory.—Daniel 2:37.

No king rules in his own right. Whether he believes in the true God or not, he is dependent upon God for his position. All that any of us have comes from God. We must be faithful with what position is entrusted to us.

Press-Radio Bible Service, Inc Cincinnati, Ohio.

MAIL NOTICES

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

On Sunday, December 25, 1960 all post offices will be closed. There will be one delivery of correspondence commencing at 10 am.

On Monday, December 26, 1960 there will be no delivery of correspondence. The Public Counters at the Victoria & Kowloon Central Post Offices will open for business from 9 am to noon; Sheung Wan, North Point & Shamshuipo Post Offices from 10 am to noon only. All other Post Offices will be closed.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1960 there will be one delivery of correspondence commencing at 10 am. All Post Office Counters will open for business from 9 am to noon.

The F. O. Box Lobbies at the Victoria & Kowloon Central Post Offices will be open from 8 am to 8 pm; Sheung Wan, North Point and Shamshuipo Post Offices from 10 am to noon only on December 26 & 27 1960.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21
By Air
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle Ea. (transit service: to Lebanon) Egypt, Aden, Africa, Great Britain, Europe (Letter Mail) Noon; Philippines (Letter Mail) 1 pm (Parcel Mail) Noon; Formosa (Letter Mail) 2 pm (Parcel Mail) 1 pm; Hawaii, USA, N.C. & S. America (Letter Mail) 2 pm; (Parcel Mail) 1 pm; Australia, New Zealand, Fiji (Letter Mail) 3 pm (Parcel Mail) 2 pm; Sarawak (Letter Mail) 6 pm (Parcel Mail) 5 pm; India, Egypt (Letter Mail) 6 pm (Parcel Mail) 5 pm; Thailand, Burma, Vietnam, Malaya, North Borneo, Indonesia, Ceylon (Letter Mail) 6 pm (Parcel Mail) 5 pm; Cambodia (Letter Mail) 6 pm.

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Philippines, Italy, Belgium & Germany (Letter Mail) Noon; Jamaica, Costa Rica (Parcel Mail) 1 pm; Trinidad, C. Z. (Parcel Mail) 1 pm; Canada (Letter Mail) 2 pm (Parcel Mail) 1pm; Venezuela, Netherland Antilles Trinidad & Cuba (Parcel Mail) 1 pm.

300 million working days lost

London, Dec. 20.

More than 300 million working days are lost each year in Britain through sickness or injury, Mr John Hare, the Minister of Labour said today.

Mr Hare, in a foreword to a Labour Ministry booklet on industrial health schemes, said that if these lost days could be reduced "we shall at once cut down human suffering and make a contribution to our national prosperity"

COST COVERED

Mr Hare said many industrialists were afraid a health scheme would cost too much, but of the 14 schemes described seven cost £2 or less a year per worker.

An attempt to assess the cash value of a scheme at one factory had indicated that the cost was more than covered by savings in time lost through illness. Workers' morale also improved. —China Mail Special.

False alarm

Sterling, Ill., Dec. 20.

A basketball sent the Sterling fire department out on a false alarm.

During a game among pupils of St. Mary's school, the ball hit a wall alarm box, broke the glass protective cover and sounded the alarm.—AP.

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

ONE who has evidently grown sick of chemical food said recently, "You can make most people eat anything today."

Snibbo, with that single-minded devotion to the nation's health which brings it such rich rewards, is preparing to flood the country with plastic food; with flavouring matter added, of course. Plastic strawberries, larger and ruddier than the cardboard strawberries shown in the windows of the smartest West End shops, will be on sale all the year round. When all food is produced in factories there will be more land for parking areas, race-tracks, airfields, Government offices, supermarkets, and prefabricated plastic blocks of flats.

So the long day wore on

READING that a certain mustard, sold in a tube, makes joints more tender, a hypochondriac rubbed it on his knees. As this had no effect, he cleaned his teeth with it.

ENTER U Neva No, a Burmese gourmet.

Welthouse v Henchman

MR Honeyweather Gooseboote, for the prosecution, asked Mrs Henchman if she had ever seen a baby cat trying to wriggle its way under a serpent. Mrs Henchman said, "I am not a naturalist." "You must answer Yes or No," said Cocklecarrot. "No," said Mrs Henchman. "your words were not based on personal experience." Mr Tinklebuny Snapdriver, for the defence, intervened to say, "The defence concedes that, though the word, taken literally, were a hypothetical assumption, they did convey the suggestion of depravity by a figure of speech." Mr Gooseboote replied that the words used were "If you were a serpent," not "You are a serpent," "A somewhat important distinction," said Cocklecarrot.

Mimsie Slopcorner's ordeal

THERE were rowdy scenes at Belding-cu-the-Weld when Mimsie Slopcorner opened a new civic centre. A man who stood on one leg on the roof with a miniature model of a dockyard crane in his hand pretended to be giving a running commentary. A newsagent kept on shouting: "I name this liner Babs." When Mimsie inserted the golden key in the door, there were cries of: "Anyone at home?" and "Don't let the mice out!" Mimsie said afterwards: "I would not claim that civic consciousness is to the fore in this place."

More fun ahead

THE oil millionaire, the Khan of Khashdun and Getaweli, is said to have joined forces with Messrs. Hector Koruthaiolos, Nikky Apteros and Rododaktulos Hcoo. Latest reports are that the four of them are coming here to develop London. "Money," said Nikky, "must be used creatively." "Beautiful new buildings will spring up like flowers," said Mr Koruthaiolos sentimentally.

—(London Express Service).

CROSSWORD

Across
1. It is found on maps. (5, 4)
9. Baby's bed. (5)
11. Obtained by legacy. (9)
12. Untruthful person. (4)
13. For his sake. an expletive. (4)
14. Barrel. (3)
15. Looking-glass. (5)
17. Writing fluids. (4)
19. Odious. (9)
22. Beverages. (5) 23. Also. (3)
24. Japanese money. (3)
25. Sugary. (5)

Down.
1. Conceited fellow. (4)
2. Devon river. (3)
3. Hurting. (5)
4. Baker's delicacies. (5, 4)
5. Jewellery. (3-4)
6. Following by turns (9)
7. En counter. (4)
8. Sages. (5)
10. Bathe. (3)
12. Musical instrument. (4)
14. Late. (5)
16. Wash out. (5)
18. Tie. (4)
20. Fasten. (3)
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FILMS

KING'S: "Saint Joan," starring Richard Widmark, Richard Todd, and Jean Seberg.
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HOOVER & GALA: "Surprise Package," starring Yul Brynner, Mitzi Gaynor and Noel Coward.
ROYAL & STATE: "Battle Of The V.I.," with Michael Hennie, Patricia Medina and Milly Vitale.
ROXY & MAJESTIC: "Desire In The Dust," starring Raymond Burr, Martha Hyer and Joan Bennett.
LEE & ASTOR: "Brides Of Dracula," starring Peter Cushing, Freda Jackson and Martita Hunt.
BROADWAY: "Outlaw's Son," with Dane Clark, Ben Cooper and Lori Nelson.
RITZ: "The League Of Gentlemen," with Jack Hawkins and Nigel Patrick.
ORIENTAL: "The Subterraneans," with Leslie Caron and George Peppard.
PARAMOUNT: "One Foot In Hell."
CAPITOL: "Carlton-Browne Of The F.O.," with Terry-Thomas and Peter Sellers.
WORLD: "Helen Of Troy" with Rossana Podesta and Jack Sernas.

NIGHT SPOTS

PARAMOUNT: Giancarlo and his band. Cocktail lounge featuring Larry Allen at Piano.
GOLDEN PHOENIX: The Guus Brox Show, Musical Comedians from Holland and The Eltons.
MAXIMS: Music by Franco Trombetta and his Italian Combo.
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RADIO HONGKONG

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1 pm, Time Signal, Diary for today; 1.13, Weather; 1.15, Time Signal, News; 1.30, Educating Archie—with Peter Brough and Archie Andrews (Repeat); 2, Virtuoso; 2.30, Sing Simple (Repeat); 3, We Live and Learn—The Living Shakespeare "The Histories"; 3.30, C.P. Macgregor Show; 4, Behind the Footlights compiled by Aileen Woods; 4.45, The Young Idea—presented by Mavis; 5, Time Signal, Homeward Bound; 5.30, Teen Scene—presented by Marilyn Palmer, runner-up of Radio Hongkong's Junior Disc-Jockey competition; 6, Time Signal, News; 6.10, The Jack Costanzo Sextet at the Garden of Allah, in Hollywood; 6.30, Speaking Generally—A British Council Programme; 6.45, The Archers; 6.50, Weather; 7, Time Signal, News & Commentary; 7.10, Today—produced by Michael Pagel; 7.30, Jazz Hall; Hour—presented by Alan Hare; 9, Letter from America by Alistair Cooke; 9.15, The Little Things—A short story by Will Ritchie; 8.30, From the Concert Hall; 8.50, Weather; 9, Time Signal, News & News About Britain; 9.15, Operation Santa Claus; 12 Midnight, Weather, Time Signal, Close.

COMMERCIAL RADIO

(196m. 1530kc.)

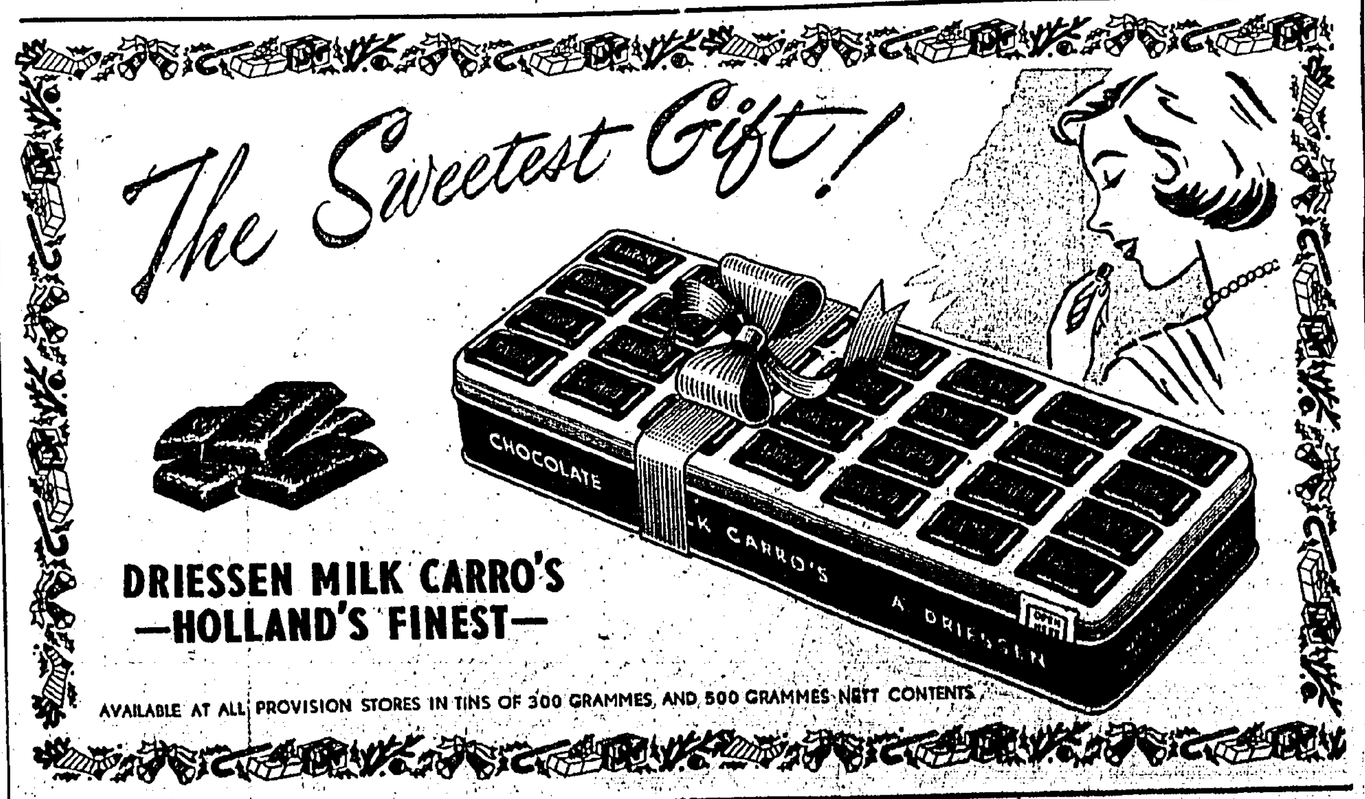
1.15 pm, News; Weather; 1.30, Lunchtime Rendezvous; 2, Composer Of The Day—Handel; 2.45 approx., Interlude; 3, For The Ladies presented by Mary Collins; 4, Tea Dance; 4.30, Weather; 4.31, Children's Corner; 5, Artists Of Distinction; 5.30, Kostelanetz, Pat Kirby & The Kingston Trio; 6, Big Band Bash; 6.30, The Hi-Fi Club—presented by Nick Kendall; 7, News, Weather; 7.15, The Travellers' Sing Folk Songs; 7.30, When We Were Young—by Mary Howri; 8, Repeat of "No More Orchids"; 8.30, Yours For The Asking"; 9, News, Weather; 9.15, Radio Report—presented by Nick Kendall and John Gunstone; 9.30, Kendall's Corner; 10, Recital By Norman Foster; 10.15, Jazz Piano—Bengot Hallberg; 10.30, Excursion; 11, Radio Newsreel, Weather; 11.15, Late Night Symphony Concert; 12 Midnight, Weather, Close.

REDIFFUSION

1 pm, Diary for today; 1.15, News And Weather; 1.30, Beyond Our Ken (Repeat); 2, Melody Time; 4, At The Console; 4.15, Tea Dance; 4.45, Operation Moon Satellite; 5, Children's Hour; 6, Trio Los Paraguayos; 6.15, Wednesday Requests—presented by Ron Ross; 6.45, The Archers; 7, News; 7.09, Weather; 7.10, Announcements And Interlude; 7.15, Once Upon A Keyboard—With Joe MacMillan; 7.30, Music For The Millions; 7.45, String Serenade; 8, Just For You—Tony Myatt; 8.15, Music In The Air; 8.30, Diamond Music Show; 9, Puzzle Corner—Presented by John Grant; 9.30, Birthdays and Anniversaries; 9.35, Dennis Day Show; 10, Late Date—Presented by Ron Ross; 11, Stop Press; 11.05, Date In Dreamland; 12 Midnight, Close.

TELEVISION

5 pm, Chinese Children's Talent Show; 5.15, Cartoons; 5.30, Fury the Wonder Horse; 5.55, Cartoons; 6, Close. 7.00, News in Brief; 7.05, "This Is Your Music"; 8, World News (Chinese); 8.10, Jack Benny Show; 8.35, "Decoy"; 9.00, World News (English); 9.15, "On The Spot"—Pick of Personalities Passing Through Hongkong; 9.30, "Paris Precinct"; 9.50, Cantonese Feature; 10.10, Late Night Final. Close.



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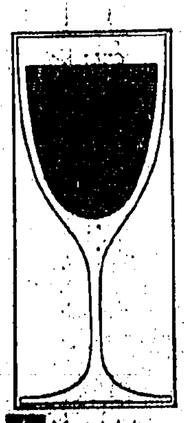

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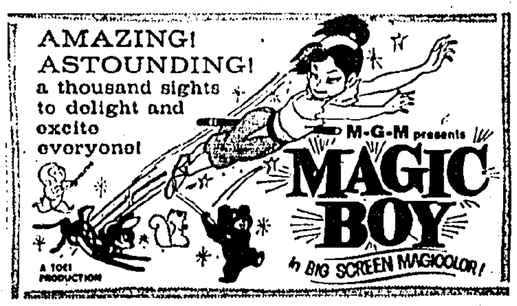

FRENCH NAVY STOPS MORE SHIPS

Algiers, Dec. 20.

The French navy today hailed the Yugoslavia freighter ss Martin Krpan off the Algerian coast and found the vessel was carrying an unlisted cargo of arms.

Authorities said they found 50 tons of munitions and other explosives in the cargo. They said this was not listed on the ship's manifest. The munitions are being unloaded at Bone, and will be confiscated by French authorities.

The Yugoslav ship was listed as bound for Tunis out of Trieste, French officials feared that the arms were destined for the Algerian Moslem nationalist rebels who use Tunisia as one of their bases for operations against French authorities in Algeria.

In Hamburg, the West German Shipowners Association reported tonight that another German freighter, the Paul Rockmers, was intercepted by a French war vessel in international waters off the North African coast.

The West German government has protested against the stopping as being unlawful.

Newspapers usually mindful of cordial French-German relations have described them as "pirate acts."

The port cities of Hamburg and Bremen have served official notice that French navy units would not be welcome as visitors there.

FROM CHINA

The association said a cable from the master of the Paul Rickmers indicated the ship was taken to an Algerian port.

The 7,910-ton freighter had been en route from China to Europe, with a cargo of Chinese agricultural products, the association added.

The next stop was to be Casablanca where tea, silk and woodoil were to be unloaded.

The shipowners said there were no weapons or potential war material aboard.

The association called on the Bonn Government to take "more energetic measures at last" because previous protests with the French had been without avail.—AP.

Beat generation

Your Saturday's leading article on: "Some future Gibbon casting round for material for his, 'Decline and fall of Twentieth Century Civilisation'", was interesting instructive, and terrible. Your writer writes with the facts and situation before his eyes. Suppose he had written in this way 50 years ago, when I was a boy, he would have been laughed at. How confident we all were then, life was full of hope and opportunity, the world was a good place to be born into.

Whence this confidence and joie de vivre of the despised Victorian age? In such marked contrast to the dreadful pessimism and nihilism of the voices of despair that fill our ears (Somerset Maugham's for instance).

The confidence came from the assurance that there was a Mighty Hand at the helm of the universe.

To prove this one has but to quote certain passages from the Gospels, from the part called the Olivet Discourse. Although they too are dreadful they show that Christ knew all that is happening to us now, He has the situation in hand.

"And when Jesus beheld the city (Jerusalem) He wept over it saying, If thou hadst but known, even thou at least in this thy day, the things that belong unto thy peace, but now they are hid from thine eyes—for lo thine enemies shall not leave thee one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down". In the same context in Matthew He says, 'For there shall be great tribulation such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now" circa 30 A.D.) "no nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened there should no flesh be saved"—His words therefore carry us on to the end of the world, as Matthew expresses it.

Those of us who are old enough to remember the confidence of the days of our youth would like at this Christmas Season to sound a note of hope and not of despair and point again to the One who upholds all things by the might of His power.

There is hope for us in Christ's words (in contrast to the words of your leader). For I can look up and say: The One we worship this Christmas knows all about it. He holds the situation in His strong hand. "For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory".

D. V. R.

Dacca, Dec. 20.

President Ayub Khan returned to Pakistan yesterday after a 19-day tour of Far Eastern countries.

The President, who flew back to Dacca, visited Burma, Indonesia and Japan. He also made brief stops at Bangkok, Okinawa and Hongkong.—AP.

dear sir

A well told tale

Congratulations on your "Tale With A Tail" of yesterday, reminiscing over the past century and more of your paper's graphic existence, its up and down, its virility and vitality and its present honoured place in journalism. One failed to observe the occasion for this backward glance over the shoulder to the past unless it be the birthday of the editor who, instead of celebrating his own birth, in humility and magnanimity decided to recall the birth of his beloved paper which he has nurtured and cherished from a toothless, decadent old fogey to a rejuvenated youth rightly proud of the renewed health and strength it presently enjoys.

Your titled comment would have been a sorry one had your compositor inadvertently transposed it to read "Tail With A Tale"—the end of the story which, please God, long may it defer. However, with your permission, let this humble scribe elaborate a little on your own comment, since in your modesty you could not very well praise yourself and your achievement in injecting new life into what had been regarded at one time as a doddering, dwindling daily whose circulation, in more sense than one, had been running low. The CHINA MAIL, until within recent months, certainly not more than a year or so ago, was, (pardon the expression) stodgy, stale and stuffy, severely prim like your maiden aunt who'd wag an admonishing finger at your exuberant impishness.

Today under your able and capable direction, the 'MAIL' has all the vigour of the male, so it is small wonder that it has become the favourite evening paper of the females! Since your assumption of the editorship and your ushering in to the sanctum sanctorum your single purpose in life would seem to be to breathe life into this dying old lady, the centenarian who had lost the will to live, with one foot already in the grave. By persistently rousing her interest in the world about her, and offering her an intensive course of beauty treatments, you have at long last restored to her her feminine vanity to reappear upon the stage to play her accustomed role.

Therefore, this "Tale with a Tail" is in fact the biographical sketch of a determined old soul who refused to say die, and is today full of beans, to use a respected Americanism. This determination to contribute fresh ideas for the betterment of those about her, has won for this respectable Old Lady of Wyndham-street the deep affection of her numberless admirers. In wishing her a long and happy future, with prospects of celebrating her next centenary in full possession of all her senses, may her watchful guardian share with her the vigour of an adventurous life, virile, vital and vivacious.

A GENTLE READER.

dear sir

Gambling

Reference "Mok Tsun Fongs" letter and his last paragraph viz.—"After all Jojo Gutz is right in suggesting that gamblers never reform". If he will kindly read my letter once again, he will find that it was NOT Jojo Gutz who suggested that "gamblers NEVER reform," but that it was I who did so.

And, as for "Jojo Gutz" boasting that he "polishes" off a case of Scotch monthly, all that I can say is—that he still has a chance to reform." So a Merry Xmas and a Prosperous New Year to both of U. AND NUFF SED.

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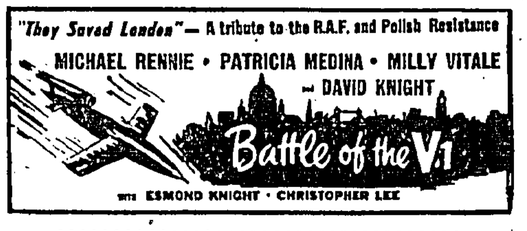

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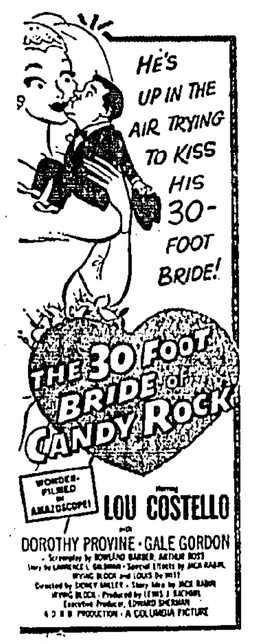

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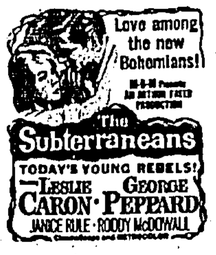

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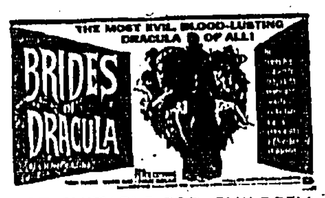

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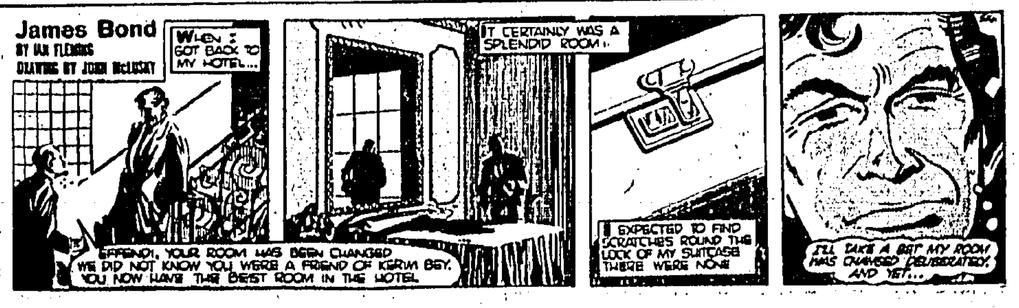

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CURZON

THE MOST SUPERIOR PERSON

PART II OF LEONARD MOSLEY'S BIOGRAPHY

IT was just before he left Oxford, in 1883, that a verse began to be circulated that was to yap at Curzon's heels for the rest of his life.

"My name is George Nathaniel Curzon,
I am a most superior person,
My cheek is pink, my hair is sleek,
I dine at Blenheim once a week."

When he was in his 60's and engaged in a mortal fight for his political future, he cursed the verse and wrote to his wife: "Never has more harm been done to one single individual than that accursed doggerel has done to me."

But that was late in life. When he heard it the first time, he laughed it off. Pictures of him taken at this time make it obvious why his friends frequently mention in their letters: "I long to see your shapely profile again." He was tall and, because of the harness he wore for his injured back, erect to the point of ramrod stiffness. His face was sensitive and handsome, and the aquiline nose above the full, rather sensual mouth gave him the impression of always wearing a delicate sneer. But when he laughed, this disappeared.

MARY VICTORIA: SWORN TO TELL NO ONE.

Engaged (to a millionaire's daughter)—but afraid to tell father

Margot's two suitors

"Oh, George, how I do love your rosy pink and laughing face," Laura Tennant wrote to him. Laura was one of the famous Tennant sisters, of whom the eldest, Margot, was destined to become the most famous. All of them were either secretly or openly in love with Curzon. It was Margot who later wrote to him "as my oldest and most treasured friend," to ask him to solve her marriage problem.

She had two suitors. One was the young and handsome Evan Charteris. The other, considerably older than she, was the Liberal leader H. H. Asquith (afterwards Lord Oxford and Asquith).

"Dear George," she asked, "which shall I take?"

He gave her the same advice that he took himself when he contemplated matrimony — to think of the future and choose for security rather than for love. He told her to take Asquith.

Margot took his advice, married Asquith and became the most famous hostess of the day, but never told her proud husband that Curzon had turned the trick for him.

Snubbed

Curzon started his climb up the political ladder by slipping badly at the first rung. He had been recommended to fight South Derby (as a Tory, of course) by Lord Randolph Churchill, among others. As a candidate he was something of a disaster. He talked down to the voters, mostly miners, or gave them long lectures about foreign affairs. They hooted his pompous phraseology.

He lost to his Liberal opponent, a mere party hack.

Curzon was surprised and hurt when Lord Randolph whom he admired and supported, tartly told him he was responsible for his own defeat and that a wiser and willier opponent could easily have won the seat.

The idol toppled at once in Curzon's estimation. He transferred his admiration to the Tory leader, Lord Salisbury. Salisbury recommended him to the Tory divisional leaders at Southport, and, in the General Election of 1886, George Nathaniel Curzon became an MP for the first time.

But he never forgave Lord Randolph Churchill for his snub.

In the new Government, Lord Randolph was appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer but soon clashed with Salisbury over party reforms. He resigned and called upon his young followers, Curzon among them, to rally round.

So far as Curzon was concerned he got no sympathy at all.

A few days later, he rose in the House and in what The Times called "a brilliant maiden speech" sharply attacked Lord Randolph. It was the first demonstration that, in politics, Curzon would never be one who stayed to get his feet wet once he decided a ship was sinking.

It got him a nod of approval from Lord Salisbury, the most powerful patron in the land. His political career was launched. With his talents, all he had to do was wait for preferment.

A wife

In the meantime, he looked around for a suitable mate to share the triumphs which, he had no doubt, were on the way. The wife he wanted must be beautiful but also rich, witty but also well-bred, intelligent but also feminine. "Give me a girl," he wrote about this time, "that knows a woman's place and does not yearn for trousers."

Such was his state of mind at the beginning of the '90s when a young girl of 20, named Mary Victoria Leiter, came into his life. It was, on her part, a case of love at first sight.

So far as Curzon was concerned, it began as no more than a casual flirtation. He met her at a ball in London and it was typical of him that, having discovered that she was an American, immediately wrote off to a friend at the British Embassy in Washington asking for all possible details of her background and family.

The news he got back was that her father was the famous Chicago millionaire, Levi Leiter, and was, in spite of the sound of his name, a convert from Dutch Calvinism to the Episcopalian Church. His daughter had been baptised a Protestant and named Mary Victoria after the English royal family.

Curzon received this intelligence with no qualms at all at the beginning, but when more serious intentions began to kindle in his mind he began to have doubts. He knew his father well enough to know that Lord Scarsdale would still think the Leiters Jewish.

On March 3, 1893, they met again. Mary, who was travelling with her father and mother, stole away for a rendezvous with Curzon and when she came away in the early hours of the morning, her dearest wish had come true. Curzon had proposed and they were engaged to be married.

She left with her parents, deliriously happy, and yet puzzled. For, at Curzon's urgent request, the engagement was to remain secret and she had sworn to tell no one, not even her father and mother.

What she did not know was that, for the moment, Curzon was afraid to tell his father. It was not until 1895, two years later, that he wrote:

"Blessed Mary, I have been home and told my father. I had to make none of the apologies or explanations or defences that you imagined. He said: 'So long as you love her and she loves you—that is all. You are not likely to make a mistake at your age, and she is old enough to know her own mind,"

George Nathaniel Curzon was thirty-six years old at the time and, by now, an Under-Secretary of State in Her Majesty's Government.

£6,000 a year

So everything was arranged. Mary had closeted herself with her father and gone into Curzon's financial status in some detail. The old millionaire agreed to provide his new son-in-law with an annual stipend of £6,000 a year, plus a marriage settlement. It was a little less than Curzon had hoped for, but he wrote to Mary:

"Of course we will get on with whatever your father is generous enough to give us... You said last summer that to do all we wanted to do we ought to have £10,000, but I have no doubt we can get on perfectly well with less."

Just in time for the wedding, Salisbury made him Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and chief spokesman for the Government's foreign policy in the House of Commons. Curzon was content. He had a beautiful wife, an income, a millionaire for father-in-law, and the confidence of the Tory Party.

He settled back to prepare for the next phase of his career—the phase that would, he confidently believed, take him to the highest office in the land. He scaled the first peak not long afterwards. In 1898, Lord Salisbury appointed him Viceroy of India.

—(London Express Service).

SATURDAY: Power—and a god-complex

AIR DEAL MAY BRING FLYING COWBOYS

THE Overlanders, the "Down Under" cowboys who drive their cattle hundreds of miles across the plains of Australia, may take to Hovercraft.

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Ferries

The ranchers want to end the traditional days-long, dusty cattle drive and carry their herds on big Hovercraft freighters at anything up to 100 miles an hour.

Scores of inquiries, about Hovercraft have come to London from Australia and Mr Hennessy is there to sort them out into specific requirements.

Harbour ferries are another type of Hovercraft in which the Australians are interested.

Possibility is that, after preliminary design work in Britain, production might be carried on out there. Both Hawker-Siddeley and Vickers, who are now building Hovercraft, here, have factories in Australia. A similar move is under discussion to meet keen Canadian interest.

£4,000,000

Britain's Hovercraft industry is now firmly established with three test vehicles flying and five firms working on commercial projects from launches and Hovertrucks to big river ferries.

Hovercraft Development Ltd., with inventor Christopher Cockerell as technical director and a strong team of designers and engineers, is in a new headquarters at Hythe.

They are giving general technical advice to the whole industry and working on advance projects, including military landing craft and jeeps.

But their key work is on a potential 1,000-ton Hovercraft to cross the Channel at over 100 miles an hour. Estimated cost for such a giant, which might be in service in about 1968, is £4,000,000.

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—(London Express Service).

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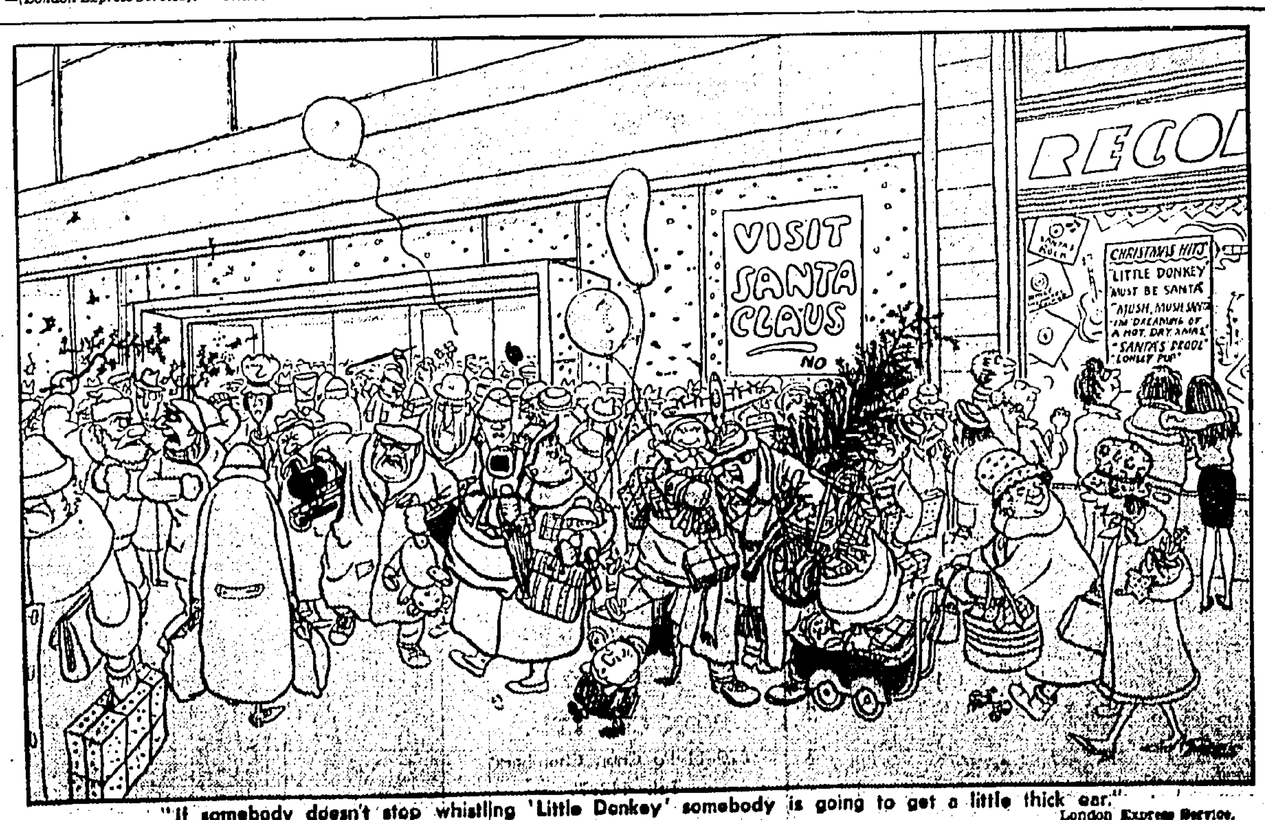


"If somebody doesn't stop whistling 'Little Donkey' somebody is going to get a little thick ear."
London Express Service.

WOMANSENSE

A woman's place

JUST THAT—NO QUESTION-MARKS NO DOTS, NO DOUBTS

by Sally Vincent

IT is a smart, blue booklet. On the cover is a pretty girl with mascara on her eyelashes and a look of outward bounding determination in her eyes.

The title is "A Woman's Place." Just that. No question-marks, no dots, no doubts.

It was written for women by a woman—Joan Barnes, 39-year-old spinster deputy chief of the Conservative Political Centre.

She has evidently gone to a great deal of trouble to give an answer to the most complex, confusing, frustrating, and thought-provoking problem the twentieth-century woman faces: What is her place?

Miss Barnes, in essence, says: **Girls, use your capabilities. Come to Westminster and unite. You have nothing to lose but the boredom of your homes.**

Disappointing

A WOMAN'S place, apparently, is in politics. She has today "the opportunity to escape perhaps for a blessed hour from the demands of home and family . . .

"Women have to make a special effort to overcome their diffidence in putting themselves forward . . . to play an active part in their political organisations," says Miss Barnes.

"Unless the call to political service is answered, our free society cannot survive . . . Women now can and will respond." And so it goes on. And on. And on.

Yes, it is pretty disappointing stuff if you are one of the millions of women who genuinely, even desperately, want to know their place.

But there is still career woman Joan Barnes herself. And to have written under such a title, I thought, she must be one of the few intelligent career women who do not indulge in those agonising, self-analytical sessions which come under the heading of "Where am I going? How will it all finish up?"

Hopefully I went to see Joan Barnes. I felt that she might have an answer that she could not insinuate into a publication that was supposed to be essentially political.

Charming

SHE sat in her office, a charming, attractive woman, in a square-shouldered green suit and a coral necklace. Her hands are capable and ringless, her hair is well groomed, her smile the bland, serene, wide smile I have only ever seen on successful women who sit behind coveted desks.

She was flanked by two henchwomen, similarly charming; pearls instead of coral. All very helpful.

Their three voices, they assured me, could be taken for one. "We all think alike," they agreed.

I asked the one voice three questions. Didn't they feel, I wondered, that men were perturbed by women who could smother their diffidence and put themselves forward and earn lots of money and achieve great independence?

"No," said the three wise women, "men are very sensible these days."

Boring

DIDN'T they feel, I asked, that, if women were bored by their homes and families, it would be better to help them to be interested in them, rather than tell them how to spend the boring times doing something outside the home?

"No," they said, more or less in unison, "in our experience, women are made happier by opening the door to outside activities more in keeping with their general capabilities."

I asked my last question. Had they never sensed a sadness in successful career women?

The three-in-one-voice was very amused.

"There are sad women and happy women, we've certainly never come across a woman who was sad about being successful."

The one voice generalised, particularised, and rationalised to order. I was outnumbered. Joan Barnes was sticking to her guns. The modern woman goes on from here. On to great things. Into the Houses of Parliament. On to the Top, for ever loosening her bonds of feminity.

Today, something like 2,000,000 women in Britain will find themselves in a position—through their direct association with a Tory organisation—to be spurred onwards by Joan Barnes's booklet. And I hope there is not one who falls for the propaganda.

Because getting to the top is a pursuit that never made a woman happy. Thousands are engaged in it at the moment. It is a fascinating business—rather like climbing a mountain because it's there an expression of courage I never did see any sense in.

Clever

THE pattern of emancipation which Joan Barnes outlines accurately enough has brought women to the point where they've been educated, the country needs their services, they're as clever as men and free to prove it.

They end up behind big desks being very important—and wondering where they go from there.

I don't think that Joan Barnes has found the answer. I think a lot of twentieth-century women are beginning to use their Freedom and their Rights and their Equality to make their *homes* places that do not bore them.

—(London Express Service).

LADY LUCK

your CHINA MAIL horoscope

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): You can best repay your partner for his very high opinion of you by doing your utmost to justify it.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): It would be advisable to concentrate on the completion of one task instead of extending your efforts in too many directions at the same time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The conclusion of a successful deal will make all your intensive efforts of preparation well worth while.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You should use your influence in your social circle to put a stop to the growing tendency to gossip.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): A newcomer should be made to realise that the sooner he adapts himself to local customs the sooner he will be made to feel at home.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): If your anger has been aroused by an unfair action, let off steam by confronting the offender and asking for an explanation.

LEO (July 22-August 21): You may have to sacrifice some of your spare time for an act of charity, and should be glad you are able to help someone less fortunate than yourself.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): If you have an opportunity to do a friend a good turn, don't try to benefit by it materially.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): A person born under Aquarius will come into your life and enrich it with his stimulative companionship.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Don't be grudging in your show of appreciation for an associate's help over a difficult stretch.

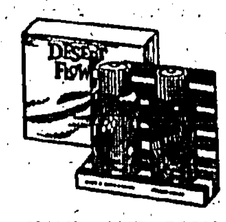
SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): If your partner raises objections to your over-spending, remember that he has every right to do so.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Don't base first impressions on appearance alone. There are days when none of us looks his best.

YOUR LUCKY CARD: If today is your birthday, your lucky card, no matter what game you may be playing, ought to be the FIVE of DIAMONDS.

DESERT FLOWER

FASTEST-GROWING WOMEN'S FRAGRANCE LINE



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STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Who Went Farthest?

—An Old Postage Stamp Wins The Argument—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name, came into the room and, seeing his sister Hanid, went over and sat down beside her.

Hanid was reading a book. She looked up at her brother in surprise.

"You've been gone all afternoon," she said. "Where have you been?"

In storeroom

"I was down in the cellar in the storeroom," Knarf said.

"Storeroom?" repeated Hanid. "What reason had you to be there?"

"I was looking in some old trunks," Knarf replied.

Hanid wanted to know what her brother had seen in the old trunks that had made him spend the whole afternoon looking inside them.

"Well," said Knarf, "most of the trunks were empty. But in one trunk that was in back of the cellar, there was a pair of old shoes and an old rubber ball and an old umbrella and an old kite and an old penny and an old letter with an old stamp on it."

Funny collection

"What a dummy collection of things," said Hanid.

"Yes," said Knarf, "and they were all talking."

"Things like that don't talk," said Hanid.

"I heard them talking," said Knarf. "Or maybe I just thought I heard them. It was sort of dark in the back of the cellar and it was a very old trunk and all those things in it were old. And maybe they didn't even know that anyone was listening and—"

Interrupted him

Hanid interrupted. She smiled.

"Tell me what they said," she told Knarf.

"It was an argument," said Knarf. "I mean, it was almost a quarrel. They were all boasting about how far they had gone and how much of the world they had seen."

Hanid said she wanted to know more about this argument or quarrel among the assortment of old things inside the old trunk in the storeroom in the back of the cellar.

Pair of shoes

"Well," said Knarf, "the pair of old shoes said that they had gone the farthest.

"They said that they had walked all around the town. They said that they had seen more of the world than anyone else in the trunk."

"Did the others agree with the old pair of shoes?" asked Hanid.

"They did not!" said Knarf. "The old umbrella said that he'd gone much, much farther than the old pair of shoes.

Crossed the country

"The umbrella said that once, quite long ago, he had gone on a train all across the country."

"That was pretty far," said Hanid.

"Yes," said Knarf, "but the old rubber ball said that he had rolled here and there and everywhere—up in the mountains and down at the seashore and in the forests and in the city streets."

"I still think," said Hanid, "that the umbrella went the farthest and saw the most of the world. He went across the country."

"Then the kite spoke," said Knarf. "It said that while the others in the trunk had traveled far and wide, he had traveled high up, almost as high as the clouds. And he had seen more of the world at one time from the top of the sky than all the others put together."

Knarf opened the trunk and saw an umbrella in it.

Hanid agrees

When she heard this, Hanid had to agree that the kite was right.

"I'm sure," she said, "that the penny and the stamp on the letter didn't go as far nor see as much of the world as the umbrella and the kite."

"If you think that, then you're wrong," said Knarf. "Because the penny went all over from one person to another, from one city to another, up and down the whole country. At least that's what it said."

Told the truth

"And I think it was telling the truth," said Hanid. "I'm sure that penny went farther than any of the other old things in the trunk."

Knarf shook his head.

"You should have heard what the old stamp said.

"It said that it went from America halfway around the world to India. It sailed on a ship and rode on a train. It crossed the ocean and it went over mountains and across forests and in and out of a hundred cities.

"And, what's more," said Knarf, "the stamp told everyone in the trunk that it had taken the letter with it all the way.

Second half of world

"And, what's still more," added Knarf, "the stamp said it had been brought back by somebody all around the other half of the world, back to the old trunk again."

"That was a very funny argument," Hanid said to Knarf. "Did shoes and umbrella and ball and kite and penny all agree that the stamp had gone the farthest?"

Knarf said he didn't know because at that moment the janitor of the house had come along and shut the trunk and Knarf had not heard another word.

Christmas Holiday Cooking

by HELEN BURKE

APART from the Christmas Cake itself, make in advance some tea specialities "a la Maison." My favourite tea bread is a "garland" of a very light yeast mixture full of fruit and nuts. This one will keep very well for several days.

Scald a scant ½ pint milk, leave it to cool to blood heat, then stir it into 1oz. bakers' yeast. Sift together 1lb. slightly warmed flour and a generous ½ teaspoon salt and stir about a quarter of them into the milk and yeast. Beat very well, then leave in a warm place until it bubbles nicely.

Warm place

Add a beaten egg and the remaining flour and mix well. Blend in 2 oz. sugar and 3 oz. butter and leave in a warm place for 1 to 1½ hours. Roll out into a very thin long strip, between 5 and 6 inches wide. Spread with 1oz. softened butter then sprinkle 1oz. or so of soft brown sugar over the surface. Mix together 5 oz. each currants and seedless raisins, 1oz. chopped peel, 1oz. roughly chopped walnuts and, if liked, ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon and a pinch of grated nutmeg.

Roll up like a Swiss roll, but from the long side. Form into a ring on a baking sheet and join the ends. (Or halve the mixture and make 2 smaller rings.)

Next, with kitchen scissors, cut three-quarter way through to the centre at 1½-inch intervals and turn each piece over to reveal the filling. Again leave to rise in a warm place for 20 minutes. Lightly brush with top milk cream and bake for 15 to 20 minutes at 400 degrees Fahr. or gas mark 6.

When the "garland" is cold, coat it with water or glace icing and sprinkle a further 1oz. roughly chopped walnuts on top. Or glaze it with 2 tablespoons apricot jam warmed with 1 tablespoon water and then sieved, and sprinkle the walnuts on top.

—(London Express Service).

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Fresh vegetables should be refrigerated at a relatively high humidity to preserve their vitamin C content.

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A new carpet gives off a lot of fluff. Don't be in too much of a hurry to brush off this fluff: it is best not to use a vacuum cleaner on a new carpet for at least six months.

Rupert and the Purple Star—21

Rupert is now quite bewildered. "Black Pedro? Who is Black Pedro?" he asks. "He's my only real enemy," says Sailor Sam gloomily. "He knows Cap'n Morgan's island where the Purple Stars can be found. And I believe that he has found out that I've got *this*. Look." And from the heavy little box he produces a piece of old, tough brown paper. "There's writing on it," says Rupert, "but I don't understand a word of it." "No wonder," says Sam. "Neither can I! I don't know that lingo."

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JACOBY on BRIDGE

WEST did not make a real horrest-to-goodness nothing play with today's hand, but he did overlook a possible winning defence.

He opened the four of clubs. Dummy's jack produced East's queen and South's ace and South led a trump to dummy's king. East won with the ace and led a heart. South ruffed a second heart lead; cashed one trump and played the ace, king and a small diamond.

At this point West had or should have had a complete count of the hand. South had shown one heart and three diamonds. He might have started with only four spades, but that was extremely unlikely. On the other hand, he could not have more than five spades, so he had to have two clubs in addition to the ace that he had played at trick one.

If one of those clubs should happen to be the eight West had a chance to give South a guess by leading a low club. South did have the eight and if West had led that low club South might well have gone wrong, but West simply led a third heart. South ruffed and played the club himself. Now South had no guess. His only chance to make that important club trick would be to rise with the jack after West played low, but actually West saved all worries for him by going up with the king.

	NORTH	3
	♠K83	
	♥974	
	♦J953	
	♣J106	
WEST		EAST
♠762		♠A4
♥AQ5		♥KJ10632
♦Q107		♦82
♣K754		♣Q92
	SOUTH (D)	
	♠QJ1095	
	♥8	
	♦AK64	
	♣A83	

Both vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♣4

♥♠CARD Sense♦♣

Q—The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
2 N.T.	Pass	3♦	Pass
?			

You, South, hold: ♠AJ10 ♥AQ98 ♦AK2 ♣A104

What do you do?

A—**Bid three hearts. Since you have opened with two no-trump your partner will know that you aren't denying diamonds, but rather that you are suggesting a slam.**

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner rebids to three no-trump. What do you do now?

ANSWER TOMORROW

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Whiteaways WILL SERVE YOU BEST

Completion of new ground will give softball a new lease of life

By OLLY VAS

Nowadays when the word 'softball' is mentioned the usual reaction of the person you happen to be addressing tends to be a mixture of surprise and incredulity. Here is a sport which, according to those pundits with long memories of its past glory, was "doomed" years ago but they would certainly have a hard time trying to convince the HK Softball Association, the currently-registered players numbering 270 odd and most of all the faithful followers of the game that the future is a gloomy one, for here comes an encouraging bit of news about the long-promised new site to compensate for the eventual loss of the present playing ground at King's Park.

At the rate the site-formation is going on in Mission-road, just below the King George V School, the new ground of the HKSA should be handed over to them by Government some time in May 1961.

I took the opportunity last week to make a cursory inspection of the new site and I must say that the HKSA are indeed fortunate to have been allocated this ground, considering the chronic shortage of land available for the development of sporting facilities.

A boon

The ground is well-located and easily accessible by public transport and should prove a boon to the hundreds of schoolboys and schoolgirls later on when they wish to loosen up with a softball.

There is a shortcoming, though, in that no matter where the diamond may be eventually located one section of the outfield will always be short of the desired regulation length but with his customary foresightedness the Umpire-in-Chief is certain to come up with an appropriate ground rule to remedy the situation.

I am sure that Mr A. de O. Sales would not mind my saying here and now that softballers will be pleased beyond words to learn that they will, in the not too distant future, be privileged to refer to the Mission-road site as "our Hgs" and for his behind-the-scene efforts to promote the cause of the game Mr Sales earns the deep and heartfelt thanks of all connected with softball.

No less important to softballers is the news that in January 1961 we will once again play hosts to the Taiwan ladies, for the Man Sheung Ladies' team, whose arrival here for games over the Christmas holidays has been unavoidably delayed, will now be seen in a series of exhibition matches next month.

Glowing reports

The Man Sheung team have never visited Hongkong but glowing reports were brought back by the touring Hongkong team which was beaten 10-2 by the Taiwan girls in September last year.

The visitors are said to play an even higher standard of softball than the redoubtable Tao Kong team, so there should be plenty of sand kicked up on the diamond soon. Their coming will make up for the disappointment felt by the Colony's ball fans after the recent snub by the San Francisco Giants whose management passed through Hongkong and despite protracted and early preliminary negotiations and acceptance to play an exhibition baseball match here for a charitable cause chose to ignore the existence of the HKSA.

Fans will have cause to remember this playing season as the year comes to a close. In the Senior Division the USS "Union" team left us with happy memories of two wonderful displays of how softball should be played. The Pandas made softball history by engaging in league fixtures without observing the usual courtesy of first registering their side and the Seminoles too had their share of history-making when the Cheyennes thrashed them 20-0 for the biggest-ever Senior league score registered.

In the Junior Division, though it may seem somewhat premature to do so, congratulations are extended to Ray Cordeiro's Giants for winning the Junior title. Coach Sheridan 'Romeo' Hamet has done a great job with the boys and nothing short of a miracle will stop the unbeaten Giants now, for only the Stardusts stand in their way and frankly it is hard to envisage an upset victory by the latter in early February when the teams meet again.

Congratulations also go to the two Services teams, the Austers and the Antelopes, which despite severe beatings inflicted in the Junior division have always come back for more.

A Nam Wah year

As for the ladies it is a foregone conclusion that the SCAA team, with the cream of the playing talent concentrated in it, will walk away with the title. For them there will be many more conquests till possibly the arrival of the Man Sheung team and with the Men's Senior team still unbeaten this is definitely a Nam Wah softball year.

Finally a tale-ender, about the Internationals. Can anyone tell me just when it has been since we last failed to have the first-round games played off on Boxing Day?

LUCKY ARSENAL: This header from Bolton centre-forward McAdams (right) has beaten Arsenal goalkeeper Jack Kelsey, and Arsenal left-back McCollough (left) and left-half Groves (right) look on with bated breath as the ball flashes towards the net. But, luckily for Arsenal, the ball hit the post, and was cleared out of danger. Arsenal won this First Division English League match at Highbury recently by five goals to one.—Central Press photo.

6-3 Thomas Cup win for Thailand over India

Bangkok Dec. 20.

Thailand defeated India 6-3 in the Asian Zone first round tie of the Thomas Cup Championship.

After being held to a 2-2 score last night, Thailand won four more matches tonight against India's one.

Results of tonight's matches were:

Narong Bhornchima, (Thailand's No. 3) beat A. L. Dewan, (India's No. 3) 15-7, 15-11.

N. M. Natekar, (India's No. 1) beat Charnarong, (Thailand's No. 1), 15-10, 15-9.

Somsoot Boonyasukhanonda, (Thailand's No. 2) beat Suresh Goel, (India's No. 2) 15-13, 15-11.

Narong and Raphi (Thailand) beat Dewan and Ghosh (India) 15-8, 15-4.

Chuchart and Khaalert (Thailand) beat Natekar and Deorse (India), 15-7, 15-9.

Thailand will meet Malaya on December 23 and 24.—Reuter.

Prime Minister Sir Roy Welensky defends professional boxing

London, Dec. 20.

Sir Roy Welensky, Prime Minister of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, took time off from Central African constitutional talks in London to discuss his great interest in boxing.

The Prime Minister, a former amateur and professional boxer, was very definite that professional boxing should not be banned.

"The United Kingdom has been the home of the sport, certainly for at least two centuries, and I cannot believe we have become so decadent that we would like to see it stopped," he told the press.

Far more damage

Sir Roy Welensky was commenting on attempts by Dr Edith Summerskill, Member of Parliament, to get a ban imposed on the professional sport in Britain, particularly following a recent British featherweight championship bout when boxer Bobby Neill had to have a head operation after a knockout.

"I don't know whether drinking is considered to be a sport, but I should imagine far more damage is done to brain tissues through drink, than by taking a punch," Sir Roy Welensky said.

The burly 53-year-old statesman said he was convinced "men seldom get seriously hurt in boxing, if they are fit, and if they are thoroughly examined before they enter the ring.

"If the yardstick is going to be that no sport that is dangerous should be played, then one would have to cut out rugby, soccer, or cycling and motor-racing, and indeed most of the sports that give the public a thrill," he added.

"Frankly, to say that boxing is dangerous is nonsensical. A greater number of people are killed in motor accidents, than by being punched in a boxing ring—and no one seriously suggests we should do away with the motor car."

Own boxing career

He thought the cutting down of the length of contests had, perhaps, thrown more emphasis on fighting rather than boxing.

He did not think shorter fights meant boxing had become a brutal sport. "As an expert of boxing, and speaking with some experience, I can say it is a sport in which contests are between men who are fit, and willing to put their skill and strength against someone about their own height," he said.

Sir Roy Welensky—now weighing around 18 stone—won the amateur heavyweight title of Northern Rhodesia, had 15 contests as a professional—the highest purse was £120—and lost only two.

One of these defeats was in a professional heavyweight championship bout against the South African, Roy Ingram.

Best modern boxers

"The record book shows I was beaten on a technical knockout," he said.

His other defeat was against another South African, Tommy Squires.

Sir Roy thought that the best of modern boxers were Floyd Patterson, world heavyweight champion, and Sugar Ray Robinson, former middleweight title-holder.

"It was a great performance by Patterson to win back the title from Ingemar Johansson, and Robinson's recent draw against Gene Fullmer in a championship fight, at 40 years of age, was another great achievement," he said.—China Mail Special.

HK Schools Badminton Tournament

The Colony Schools Open Badminton individual Championships, organised by the Hongkong Badminton Association will commence on Thursday, January 5. Entries will close on Wednesday, December 28 and must reach the Hon Championship Secretary on or before that date.

The competition is open to all students of schools registered with the Hongkong Education Department and under the age of 20 by January 1, 1961. All entries must be endorsed by the Principals or Sports Masters of schools.

Entry fees for singles will be $1 and doubles $2 per pair.

The tournament will be run under the rules and regulations of the Hongkong Badminton Association.

Entry forms can be obtained at the Sincere Co, Ltd, the Hongkong Sports Shop and at the Po Fong Co, (junction of Nathan and Austin-roads).

Bolton out of League Cup

London, Dec. 20.

Another British First Division club was eliminated from the Football League Cup today when the Second Division team Rotherham United defeated Bolton Wanderers by two goals to nil in an eighth-final match at Bolton tonight.—AFP.

WHEN JIMMY WILDE LOST

He was the boxing idol of Britain — and the fly-weight champion of the world.

Out of more than 850 fights he had lost only two, but on a never-to-be-forgotten night at the Albert Hall, London, he was hammered to defeat after a display of courage unsurpassed in boxing history.

It was Jimmy Wilde's greatest fight — but it was nearly cancelled at the last minute. Only the presence of the Prince of Wales at the ringside made Wilde agree to meet his American opponent, Pete Herman.

The story of this fight is the first in an absorbing new series starting in the CHINA MAIL tomorrow. "K.O. Punch," by Alan Hoby, recaptures the thrills of great fights. It is a series full of colour, drama, and excitement. Read it tomorrow in the CHINA MAIL.

Coach Drobny: Italy has edge over Australia

Melbourne, Dec. 20.

Italian tennis coach Jaroslav Drobny believes his team has a slight edge over Australia in their preparation for the Davis Cup challenge round which starts in Sydney on Boxing Day.

"We have had hard match-play within the last 10 days, but the Australians have not," Drobny said in Melbourne today.

Drobny was referring to the Davis Cup Inter-zone Final in which the Italians beat America 3-2 in Perth just over a week ago.

The Australian team has played only practice matches since the Victorian Championships which ended on December 3.

Practised

Today the Italians practised in Melbourne and the Australian team in Brisbane because heavy rain in Sydney has made the White City courts unfit for play.

Today, the Italians, Nicola Pietrangeli and Orlando Sirola had several hours' singles practice against Drobny and Australian professional, Mervyn Rose.

Both are lefthanders as are Australia's two top singles players, Neale Fraser and Rod Laver.—China Mail Special.

Italy wants to stage 1962 world cycling events

Rome, Dec. 20.

The Italian Cycling Union's Steering Committee today decided to present its candidature as organisers of the World 1962 Track and Road Cycling Championships.

Presenting its candidature to the International Cycling Union the Italians proposed that the Road Championships could be held on the road bordering Lake Garda, North Italy, and that the Track events could be held at Milan's Vigorelli Stadium.—AFP.

First innings points for Queensland

Brisbane, Dec. 20.

Queensland took first innings points from West Australia as their Sheffield Shield cricket match ended here today.

The home state who had a first innings lead of 33, were soon in trouble today when off-spinner Keith Slater claimed three of their second innings wickets at a personal cost of 35 runs. But opening bat Ray Reynolds checked the slump and his spirited knock of 81 not out enabled Queensland to declare at 170 for four.

Set to make 204 to win, Western Australia had scored 139 for five when the match ended.

Final scores were:

Queensland: 353 and 170 for four declared (R. Reynolds 81 not out; K. Slater 3-56).

Western Australia: 300 and 139 for five (K. Joynt 48, T. Veivers 2-45). — China Mail Special.

RAF Squash champions

The RAF Squash Rackets Championship was won at the Lansdowne Club, London, by Fl/Lt M. H. A. Eggleton (Odiham), when, after two years as runner-up, he beat Pilot Officer P. D. Stokes (Cambridge University) 9-0, 9-10, 9-0, 6-9, 9-7 in an exciting five-set final which lasted an hour and a quarter.

The women's title went to Sgt J. Ireson (Hereford) and the veteran prize was taken by Sqd/Ldr D. S. Leete.—Bonews Service.

Swanton's cricket XI to tour West Indies

London, Dec. 20.

Three cricketers from England, one from the West Indies and one from India, Abbas Ali Baig, are among the eleven players who have accepted invitations to tour the West Indies with E. W. Swanton's XI next March and April.

The party will be: A. C. D. Ingleby-Mackenzie (Hampshire—Captain), E. Weekes (West Indies), R. W. Barber (England and Lancashire), P. M. Walker (England and Glamorgan), H. J. Rhodes (England and Derbyshire), A. A. Baig (India and Oxford University), O. S. Wheatley (Glamorgan), A. C. Smith (Oxford University and Warwickshire), A. R. Lewis (Cambridge and Glamorgan), B. D. Wells (Nottinghamshire), R. A. Gale (Middlesex).

The names of another batsman and another bowler are to be added.

The Test players are Weekes, who is available because cricket is out of season in Barbados; Baig, playing in the series against Pakistan in India at the moment; Rhodes, Walker and Barber. Barber will join the party after the MCC tour in New Zealand ends.

Swanton, a well-known English cricket writer, has tried to find an attractive, quick-scoring side without calling upon the front-rank England players who toured the West Indies a year ago.

There are at least five of the younger school of English players, with a fair chance of playing against Australia next summer — Barber, Rhodes, Walker and the opening pair, Gale and Lewis.

Ingleby-Mackenzie, who will captain the side, toured with Swanton's XI in 1956.—AFP.

Weightlifting world record

Moscow, Dec. 20.

Rudolph Plyukefelder (Soviet Union) has set a world record snatch of 141.5 kilograms (311½ lbs) in the light-heavyweight class in the Soviet Weightlifting Championships now being held here.

The previous record was his own 141 kilograms (10½ lbs) set up last year.—Reuter.

Henry Cooper may quit the ring next year

By ARCHIE QUICK

British and Empire heavyweight champion Henry Cooper may be only a fight or two away from retirement at the age of 27.

The possibility of a world title fight with Floyd Patterson is remote, and so would be a contest with Ingemar Johansson if the Swede won the third-time-lucky bout, but Cooper will definitely give Joe Erskine the chance of regaining the two championships he holds when the Welshman is fit in the New Year.

After that Cooper would like to meet Dick Richardson for the European crown, and, perhaps, give Brian London just one more chance. He has already beaten all three of them.

The red light

After that it might well be the end of the fighting road for the good-looking Bellingham boy, for already he and his manager Jim Wicks are talking of going into partnership together. I understand it would be a commission agent's: Mr Wicks was a "bookie" before he took out his managerial licence.

Both of them saw the red light after the recent Alex Miteff fight. Two things were made clear. Cooper is highly susceptible to cut eyes and the knock-out punch he once possessed seems to have disappeared.

Maybe he was ring-rusty, but the fact remained that, at Wembley Empire Pool when he so clearly outpointed the Argentinian, Cooper scored at will for nine rounds without ever making Miteff blink an eyelid, let alone knock him out or even down. And do not say that Miteff was tough; he was out of condition with rolls of fat round his middle.

There is no need for Cooper to have one fight too many. He has established himself in a new home at Wembley; he is, financially, more than comfortably off; and he has a wife and family. He also has a manager who will cry "Enough" when he sees the time has come. That I feel will be sometime in 1961.

New prospect

Cooper is not world championship material, and, in addition to Patterson and Johansson, there is Sonny Liston, the giant Negro, barring the way.

When Cooper retires, however, the British heavyweight division will seem to be in a pretty poor state, with Richardson probably the best of a mediocre lot.

Mr Wicks told me though that there is a young Yorkshire farm hand of huge proportions being trained as a prospect. "He is 6ft. 2in., 14 stones of bone and muscle, and, most important of all, he likes fighting," said Wicks.

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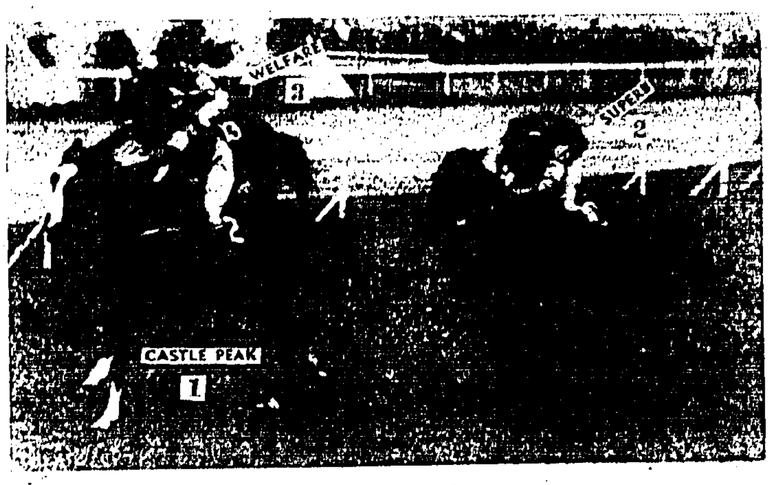

ABOVE: Castle Peak, ridden by Albert Lam, winning the last race at the Valley last Saturday to pay a handsome win dividend of $47.70. Second was Superb and third Welfare.—China Mail photo.

BELOW: Miss Pat Smythe, O.B.E., Britain's Horsewoman of the Year, receives the Martine Trophy and medal from Viscount Knutsford during the presentation ceremony at Chesterfield Gardens, London, last week.—S & G Photo.

ABOVE: The "How's zat?" appeal is upheld here as S. Hill of KCC "B" is brilliantly caught behind the wicket in the first division cricket league match against Brigade at Sookunpoo last Saturday. Brigade won by three wickets.—China Mail photo.

ABOVE: THE RAF hockey team visited Macao recently and played a friendly match with the Macao Club. The game ended in a 5-5 draw. Photo shows hosts and guests before the match.—Contributed.

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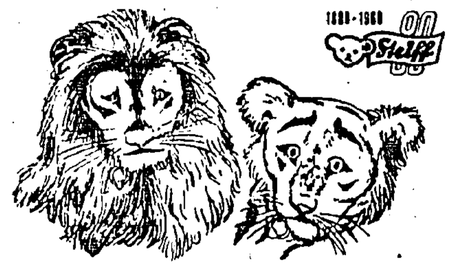

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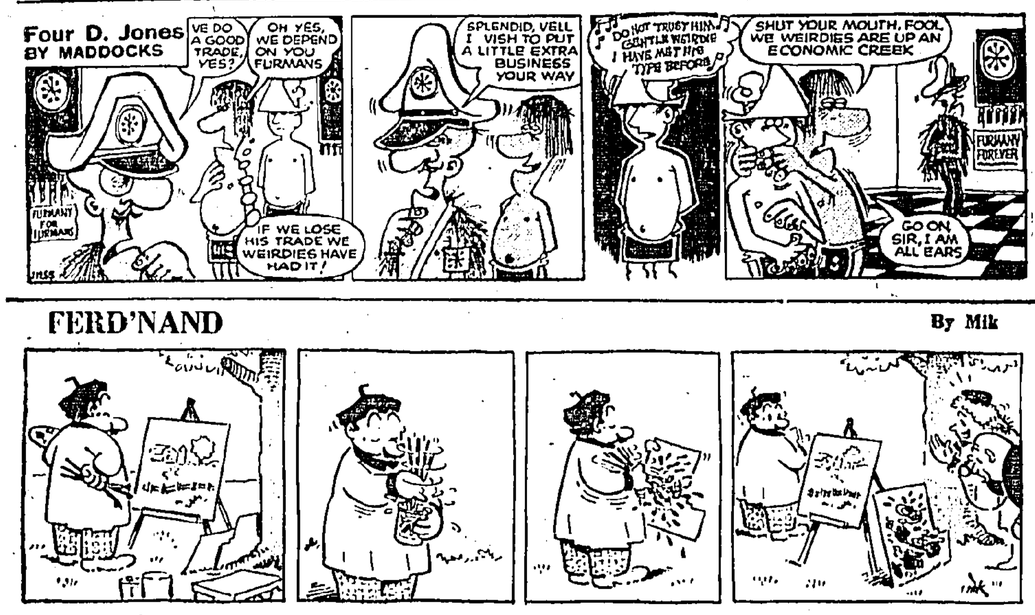

The "Twelve Apostles" of Physical Training in the British Army, as re-enacted at a centenary Cavalcade of Physical Training presented at Aldershot. The "apostles" were the first 12 non-commissioned officers to join the original Army Gymnastic Staff in 1860, out of which grew the present Army Physical Training Corps. Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery, who is Colonel Commandant of the Corps, attended the Aldershot pageant. — Banews photo.

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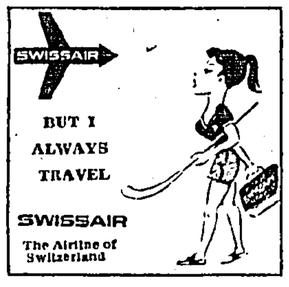

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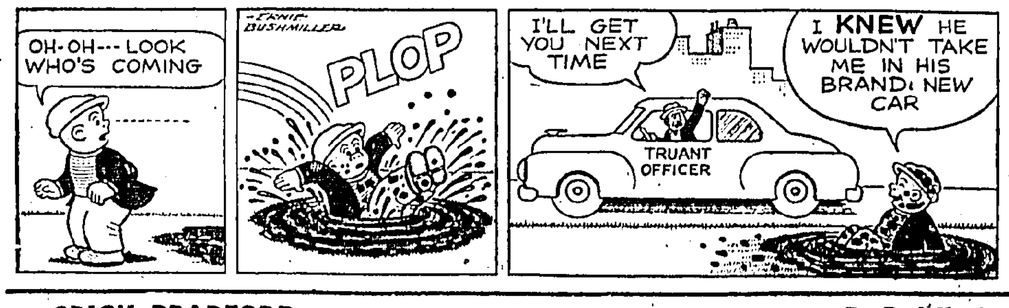

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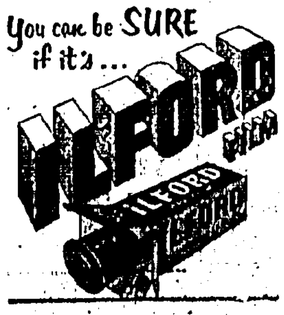


Sports Diary

TODAY

Boxing
Land Forces Individual C'ships (Preliminary) at Sek Kong, 2.30 pm.

Tennis
SCAA Hard Court Tennis matches at King's Park, 3.30 pm.

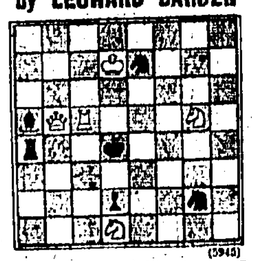
Rugby
Army v Combined RN & RAF, Boundary-st, 3 pm.

TOMORROW

Boxing
Land Forces Individual C'ships (Preliminary) at Sek Kong, 2.30 pm.

Tennis
South China Athletic Association Open tennis matches at King's Park, 2.30 pm.

CHESS
by LEONARD BARDEN



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Here is a problem by J. O. Radley (Manchester City News, 1920). White to play and mate in two moves.

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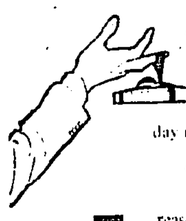

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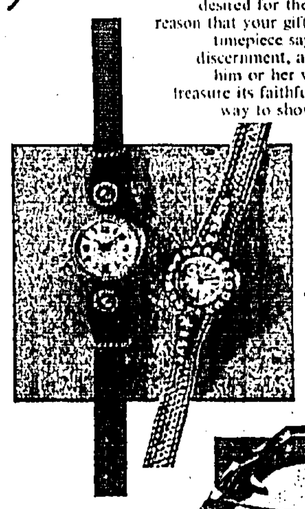

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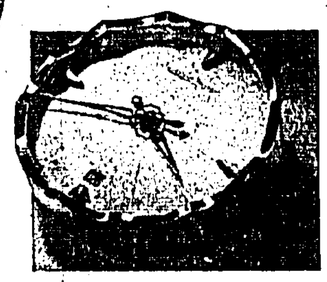

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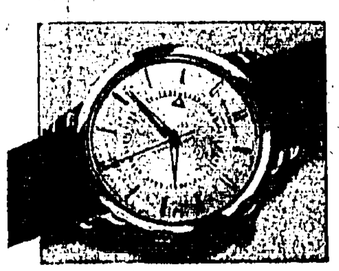

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HUGE JADE DEAL

Local magnate buys $800,000 stone

The biggest single jade transaction in 100 years in the Colony was carried out recently when a magnate bought a 145-lb jade from the Burmese Government for $800,000.

The uncut stone, measuring 18 inches by 11 inches square, arrived in Hongkong from Burma by Boac last Thursday.

It is now in the safe custody of a bank vault in Central District.

The buyer, Mr C. S. Sohn, Managing Director of the East Sea Industrial Co., outbid U.S. and Red Chinese firms by offering US$150,000 for the biggest single piece of jade raw material.

The Red Chinese firm bid US$142,000 while the American competitor offered US$138,000.

PERSONAL

Mr Sohn will carve it and keep it as part of his personal collection. He has no intention of selling the precious stone, he said.

Mr Sohn who has been in the precious stone trade for 30 years graduated from the Tokyo Government Technological College in 1932.

He built up his business in Shanghai over a period of 20 years.

Having made his fortune, which was estimated at about US$10 million, he donated generously to universities and schools in China, and Korea before the political change in Chinese mainland.

On one occasion, he donated US$700,000 to Nan Kai University and US$300,000 to five other universities in China.

He also assisted no less than 40 students with scholarships in America.

Himself a scholar, Mr Sohn, a South Korean, read assiduously on radium, uranium and chemistry.

Mr Sohn once designed his own special microscope for examining stones and jade.

Six-storey tenement building

A plan to develop the site of two old houses at 148 and 150 Kilung-street, Shamshuipo, was revealed at the Tenancy Tribunal this morning.

Mrs Chow Tai Sang and Mr Chan Tat Yan applied for exemption for the houses to make way for a six-storey tenement building to cost $135,000. It would contain 10 tenements and two shops on the ground floor and be completed in about a year.

Mr F. Zimmern appeared for the applicants.

There are 22 opposing tenants, represented by various counsel.

Members of the Tribunal are Mr B. V. Rhodes (President); Mr Li Fook-shu and Mr P. W. Mansfield.

Company to develop property

A dividend of $2 per share was approved at the 29th ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Local Printing Press, Ltd. this morning.

The Chairman, Mr B. W. Bradbury, said that the net profit for the year ended December 21, 1960, was $1,488,470.23. This, he said, was slightly less than the preceding year due to fierce competition and lower rentals in Hongkong.

Business in Hongkong, however, was expanding, said Mr Bradbury, and the Directors of the Company had decided to develop King's-road property so that it might be used as flatted factories, for which there is a keen demand in the Colony.

RE-ELECTED

The report and accounts for the year were approved and adopted.

Mr Bradbury was re-elected a director for the coming year and Messrs Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co were re-appointed auditors.

Present at the meeting were: Mr B. W. Bradbury (Chairman); Mr Lee Yat-ngok (Managing Director); Messrs J. S. C. Neal and D. Benson (Directors); Mrs Leung Lee Kwai-ling (Secretary) and the following shareholders:—

Mrs M. A. Bradbury, Mrs J. U. Weller, Mrs Chan Laiquon; Messrs H. J. Tebbutt, P. A. L. Vine, Chan Yuk-kie, Wong Shiu-keung and Wong Sik-on.

Christmas fund

Further contributions were received today by the China Mail towards the Christmas fund raising campaign. The money will be sent to the Hongkong Council for Social Service.

Mr Behram donated $30, and the Ruttonjee Estates Ltd. donated $50.

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS REACHES UK

Capping the success of last night's session comes the news that Operation Santa Claus has reached England.

This morning in the In Tray of Operational Headquarters, Radio Hongkong, lay a telegram worded as follows: "BIRCH BROADCASTS. TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS TWO PART CONTENTION DAVE BRUBECK—BROOKS".

This two hundred dollar donation from the Controller of Broadcasting, Donald Brooks, now on leave in England, will be a send-off contribution for tonight's all out effort. It is strongly rumoured that tonight the big Hongs will move into action. It is learned that Jardine's collection is gathering force, following the example personally set by Hugh Barton on the two previous evenings. The insurance men in the colony have also been spurred into action by the promise of an airing for what looks like becoming their signature tune—"There's No One with Endurance like a Man who sells Insurance." A $205 contribution has come from Eric Barrett and Butterfield & Swire Insurance Department.

Last night's grand total of $20,063.10 more than doubled the target total set for the entire operation which was originally fixed at $10,000. Tonight the aim is to raise at least another $10,000 to bring in a total of $30,000 and thus treble the original target total.

SANTA UP THE PEAK

Highlight of tonight's broadcast will be a spectacular ascent of the Peak by Santa Claus with a short-wave transmitter strapped on his back.

Santa Claus, alias Ian Kingsley, will ascend the peak at the rate of ½ mile for $1,500. He'll call up Radio Hongkong direct on his short-wave transmitter and bring to the microphone people he meets on the way who are willing to put their hands into their pockets.

A most heartening feature of last night's pledges was the great support given by two ships of the merchant navy; here only for a few days, the s.s. "Sunda" and m.s. "Tjitjalengka" took the trouble to raise a substantial contribution for Operation Santa Claus.

All the stops will be pulled out in a total effort tonight to raise the target above $30,000. Eight disc jockeys, 20 telephone operators, and a large team of clerks, librarians and messengers will be mobilised at maximum strength tonight from 8 pm onwards, so don't forget the number—35000 or 20822.

PLEDGES

RAF Married Qtrs Kowloon Tong $100; Cpl. Hayes RAF Kai Tak $35; Donald & Ann Marie Maclennan $20; Mrs Weldon $10; Jacqueline & Rhona Lambie $10; Watson's $15; An Anonymous Australian Boffin in Queen Mary Hospital $200; R. Bell, Motor Sports Club $10; Indian Community $100; Hurlbatt Family $50; Philip Antony $10; Gillian Gartley $4; Senior Members of KGV $32; Pat Gartley $30; Ronald Clark $10; Taffy Evans $5; Mullius S. Weelby $5; Bob Marsden-White $10; Christchurch Boy Scouts $10; Ron Shackleton $25; Pete John Hewitt $10; Haseman, HMS Hartland Point $5; Barbara Szczepanik $3; United Chinese Bank $100; Members of Air HQ HK $10; Members of Air HQ HK $10; Members of Air HQ HK $10; All Members of Air HQ HK $10; All Members of Air HQ HK $10; Michael W. Turner $50; 2nd Kowloon Girl Guides $105; Scorpions C.C. $110; An Yuk-yung $50; B & S Insurance Dept, $205; A. W. S. 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Yesterday's Total: $14,027.00; Monday's total $6,036.10; Total (to date) $20,063.10.

HE inspects Census Department

In about two months' time, some 13,000 trained enumerators of the Census Department will begin visits to every household —whether on land or afloat—to interview the heads of families.

This Colony-wide census of the population will cover every house, dwelling and habitation in order to obtain an accurate total of the population and, at the same time, detailed information which will enable the Government to plan for the future.

Final arrangements for taking the Census have been made and these were inspected by the Governor, Sir Robert Black, when he paid a visit to the Census Department this morning.

The Governor was accompanied on his inspection of the various sections of the department by the Census Commissioner, Mr K. M. A. Barnett.

From the Files

25 years AGO

December 1935

OVER $2,000 worth of jewellery was stolen from No. 43 Grampian Road, Kowloon City, in two successive robberies sometime between last Saturday and Monday, according to a report made to the police by the victims, Misses E. L. and E. E. Rogers and Messrs N. A. E. Mackay and J. F. C. Mackay, the occupants of the premises.

It appears that on Saturday the house was left in charge of the servants. On the return of one of the occupants in the evening, it was found that the safe had been picked and some pieces of jewellery missing. A report was at once made to the police and nothing further happened until Monday when it was discovered that the safe had again been picked and more valuables stolen. It is suspected that a "boy" formerly in their employ was the culprit as he has disappeared with all his belongings. Fortunately, a brooch valued at $500 which was in the safe was not taken by the thief or thieves.

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Yesterday the history of the Colony began another chapter with the arrival and installation of His Excellency Sir Andrew Caldecott, Kt, CMG, CBE, as the new Governor of Hongkong.

The day was given over to welcoming Sir Andrew with as much warmth and sincerity as can be infused into public functions, and the three main events of the day, the welcome on landing, the oath-taking ceremony and the public reception at the Volunteer Headquarters, went off without a hitch and in a fine spirit of appreciation.

In his reply to the formal address of welcome given by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, His Excellency said he was glad to hear of the public service rendered by non-Government bodies and institutions, and the long list of such helpers was an indication of the health of the body politic.

His Excellency arrived in harbour aboard the P. and O. liner Carthage at about 9 am.

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